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*To my dad*

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# NOMENCLATURE

## LIST OF SYMBOLS

$\alpha$	length ratio (half specimen width by half crack length)
C	Paris relation constant
$da/dN$	cyclic crack growth rate
K	stress intensity factor
$K_{Ic}$	fracture toughness (critical stress intensity factor)
$\Delta K$	stress intensity factor range
$\Delta K_{th}$	threshold region
$m$	fatigue crack growth rate exponent
$N_T$	cycles to failure
$r_y$	cyclic plastic zone size
R	stress ratio (minimum/maximum)
$R^2$	constant of correlation
$\sigma_{min}$	minimum stress
$\sigma_{max}$	maximum stress
$\sigma_y$	yield strength
x	multiplying factor
X	magnifying factor
Y	geometry correction factor

## LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

AETB	alumina enhanced thermal barrier tiles
AFRSI	advanced flexible reusable surface insulation
AMHC	advanced metallic honeycomb
ARMOR	adaptable robust metallic operable reusable
C-9	colloidal silica coating
C-C	carbon-carbon composite
CMC	carbon-matrix composite
CTOD	crack tip opening displacement
FEM	finite element method
LEO	low earth orbit
LVDT	linear variable displacement transducer
MEMS	micro-electro-mechanical system
MFR	magnetic fusion reactor
MTS	material testing system
PM2000	iron base alloy
RCG	reaction-cured glass
RLV	reusable launch vehicle
RTV	room temperature vulcanizing adhesive
SA/HC	superalloy honeycomb
SA/HC2	2 <sup>nd</sup> generation superalloy honeycomb
TABI	tailable advanced blanket insulation
TI/HC	titanium honeycomb
TIMW	titanium multiwall
TPS	thermal protection system(s)
TUFI	toughened uni-piece fibrous insulation

## SUMMARY

Metallic honeycomb structures are being studied as thermal protection systems for hypersonic vehicles, reusable launch vehicles, and as structural panels in other aerospace applications. One critical concern is the growth of fatigue cracks in the thin facesheets used for these structures. To address this concern, the effect of specimen thickness on fracture toughness and tensile fatigue behavior of aluminum-magnesium alloy foils was investigated. Experimental studies were conducted at ambient conditions on foils ranging from 30  $\mu\text{m}$  to 250  $\mu\text{m}$  in thickness. Constant amplitude fatigue tests were performed at a loading frequency of 10 Hz and a nominal stress ratio of 0.2. The Mode I fracture toughness of the foils was significantly low, ranging between approximately 13  $\text{MPa}\sqrt{\text{m}}$  and 17  $\text{MPa}\sqrt{\text{m}}$  for all thicknesses. For a fixed maximum fatigue stress level, the fatigue life of the 30  $\mu\text{m}$  foils was approximately 40% lower than that observed for the 100  $\mu\text{m}$  foils. In all cases, the cyclic crack growth data could be fit to a characteristic Paris relationship between crack growth rate and stress-intensity range. However, the values for the stress intensity exponent,  $m$ , were higher than what is typically found for the same material of greater thickness. For the foils examined in this study, the  $m$  values averaged between 5 and 7. Details of the experimental technique as well as the fatigue and fracture toughness results are provided.

# CHAPTER 1

## INTRODUCTION

Aviation, as a science, can be described as a continuous desire to push the envelope of flight. The fascination with flying farther, faster, and higher provides fuel for advancements in the aerospace industry initiated by the Wright brothers over a century ago. Not surprisingly, one of the most difficult challenges inherent to this pursuit is accommodating the heating associated with supersonic and hypersonic flight regimes. In this respect, thermal protection systems (TPS) are imperative to viable flight of the future.

Spacecraft, next generation reusable launch vehicles, military reconnaissance and surveillance aircraft, supersonic aircraft, ballistic missiles, probes studying distant regions of space, communication satellites, and remote sensing spanning every country across the globe require TPS. These TPS must also remain robust in their ever-changing environment, withstanding not only large thermal gradients and mechanical loading profiles, but also dynamic and acoustic loading, aerodynamic shear and pressure loading, weather, debris, and velocity impact; all while remaining lightweight and cost-effective [4].

One substantial aspect of designing a maintainable and operable TPS is to consider the TPS material properties and behavior. Prior to 1999, no experiments had been conducted to determine the shear fatigue or shear creep life of metallic TPS materials. At the same time, high fatigue crack growth rates on the facesheets of metallic TPS are a major concern due to rapid crack propagation resulting in catastrophic failure [30]. Metallic TPS have the potential to provide a lightweight, ductile (hence easily formed and damage resistant), highly maintainable TPS. The void in comprehensive fatigue and fracture analysis of such structures is the foundation to research presented in this thesis. Particularly, aluminum-magnesium foil facesheets with the weight and scope of an aerospace application are examined.

As thickness decreases, fracture toughness increases from plane strain to plane stress. However with further thickness decrease into the foil regime, the toughness can decrease because failure is no longer constrained as the plastic zone becomes equal in magnitude to the thickness. By investigating the micro-structural damage of precracked aluminum sheets of various thicknesses, the consequent material behavior trends of foils are determined.

The objective of the research is to provide a better understanding of the design parameters involved in TPS not only for current, but future flight capability. Although the research involves aluminum-base alloys commonly found in aerospace applications, the results are expected to be comprehensive in nature and will provide insight into the mechanical behavior of thin films manufactured from other metals, used extensively in many engineering applications.

The thesis is outlined as follows:

- Chapter 2 presents a literature review of TPS research, as well as other thin foil fatigue and fracture applications.
- Chapter 3 describes the experimental set up, procedure, material geometry, and details of the fatigue and fracture toughness tests.
- Chapter 4 highlights the results of the tests, and presents SEM micrographs of fracture surfaces.
- Chapter 5 outlines research conclusions and recommendations.

## CHAPTER 2

### BACKGROUND AND LITERATURE REVIEW

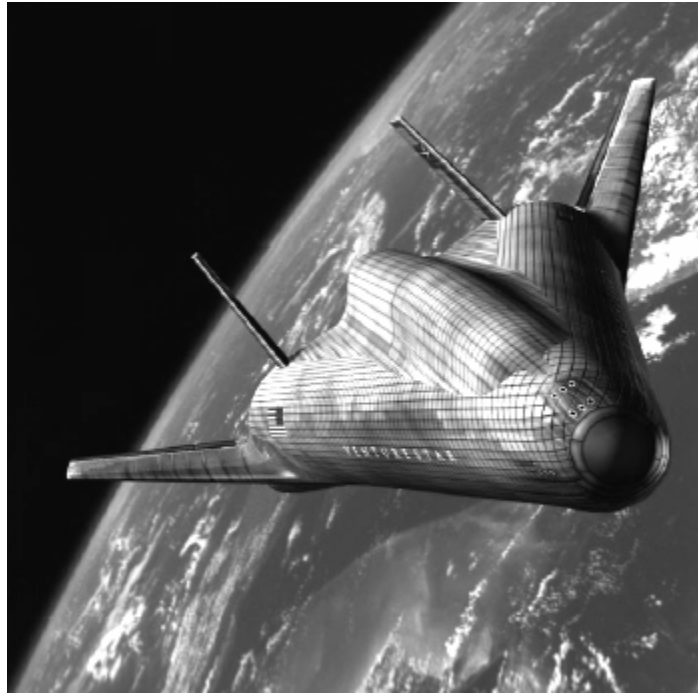
#### *2.1 TPS Historical Perspective*

With the dawn of space flight, the development of thermal protection systems for aerospace vehicles began. Early thermal protection systems consisted of metal, like the underlying structure itself, but other options were quickly utilized in TPS design. These included ablative coatings and special temperature sensitive paints that were significantly relied on in the Mercury, Apollo, Gemini US space programs during the 1950 and 1960's [4]. More recent TPS made use of ceramic tiles and blankets, and eventually considered complex coatings and superalloys [1]. Accordingly, as material development, processing, and fabrication continues to advance, so does TPS design and performance.

It was not until NASA's Space Shuttle Program beginning in the late 1960's that considerable effort was made to develop a robust, lightweight, and reusable TPS. Although metallic thermal protection systems were considered, ceramic blankets and tiles were chosen as the shuttle's main TPS. The current Shuttle Orbiter utilizes titanium superalloy, refractory metal and pyrolyzed plastic materials, in addition to ceramic tiles and blankets [4].

Next generation reusable launch vehicles and hypersonic aircraft consider both metallic and ceramic TPS. Metallic TPS concepts initiated during the 1980's when the Saenger hypersonic transportation system program examined metallic-multiwall designs utilizing high temperature alloys [1]. A few of the more highly investigated materials for metallic TPS in recent years include Saffil insulating foam and advanced titanium-based alloys. Second-generation gamma Ti alloys provide good oxidation resistance, while still maintaining higher temperature capability and lower ductility than first-generation titanium aluminides. For this

reason, they are not only considered in future reusable launch vehicle hot structures, but have already been developed as engine cowl components on the Boeing 777 as well as structure surrounding the Tomahawk missile [11]. Perhaps the best example of metallic TPS design is the X-33, Lockheed Martin VentureStar™. This vehicle, a single-stage-to-orbit reusable launch vehicle, proposed a metallic microfiber enclosure surrounded by a honeycomb panel. While the use of a metallic TPS allowed for a more robust and possibly cheaper alternative to traditional TPS, the X-33 sparked the current initiative to examine metallic TPS in next generation space vehicles.



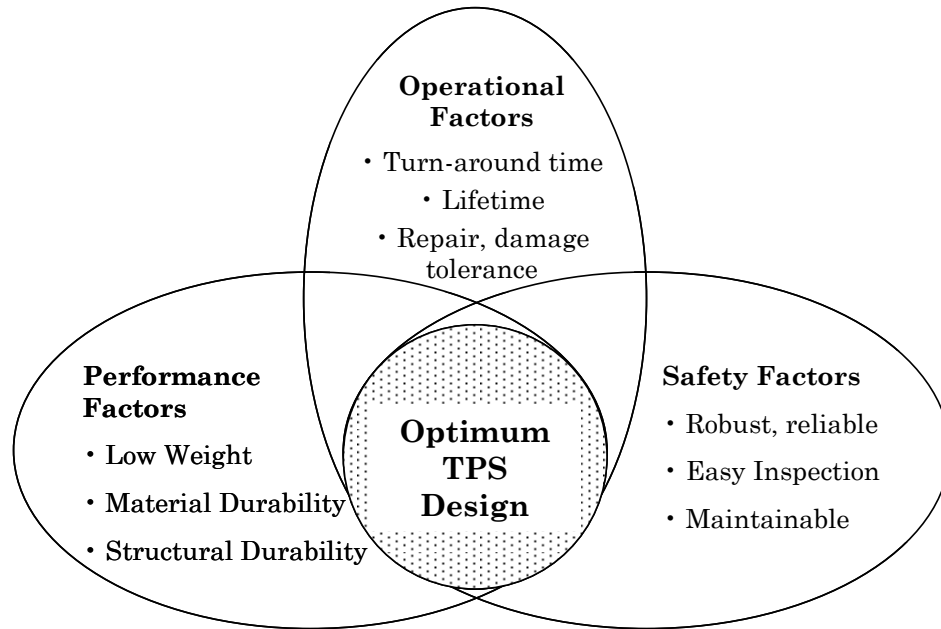
**Figure 2.1: X-33 reusable launch vehicle with metallic TPS<sup>[9]</sup>**

## **2.2    *Types of TPS***

Current reusable TPS designs are categorized as ceramic tiles, ceramic blankets, or metallic concepts, respectively (ablative TPS are not reusable and therefore are not mentioned in this discussion). Ten of the most heavily utilized and/or researched TPS to date are described in the following section. Although no single TPS concept could serve as the vehicle's thermal protection alone, the proper



combination and balance of concepts to most significantly reduce cost and weight while maintaining optimum performance and safety must be determined. Each branch of the lotus diagram in Figure 2.2 outlines a key factor in TPS design; fatigue and fracture considerations span all three categories.



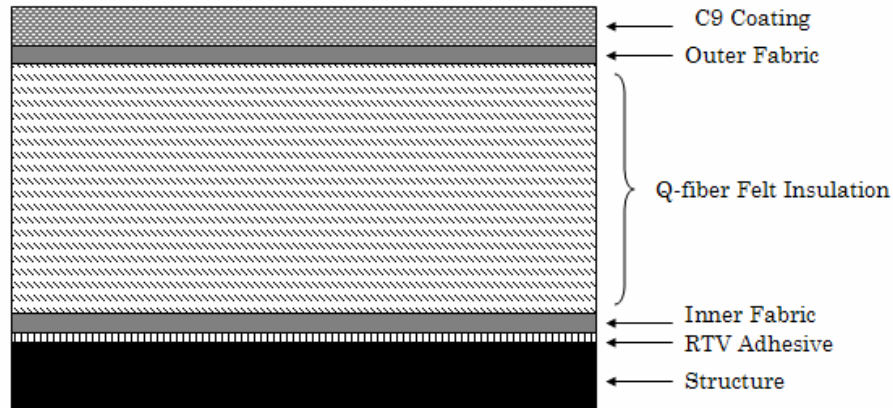
**Figure 2.2: Lotus diagram of optimum TPS design factors**

### **Ceramic Blankets**

The basic fabrication of blanket TPS consists of flexible fibrous insulation between outer layers of ceramic fabric. These types of TPS are then attached to the structure with room temperature vulcanizing (RTV) adhesive. The immediate advantages of blanket TPS include low initial cost and ease of installation. However, there are also several disadvantages to flexible blankets; the first challenge being that they must be re-waterproofed between each flight, thereby reducing vehicle turn-around time and increasing operational costs. In addition, the coating on blanket TPS make the initially flexible fibers and fabric brittle, and consequently susceptible to damage. Lastly, the quilted nature of blanket TPS can create a rough vehicle exterior that in turn increases turbulence, aerodynamic heating and drag [24].

### Advanced Flexible Reusable Surface Insulation (AFRSI)

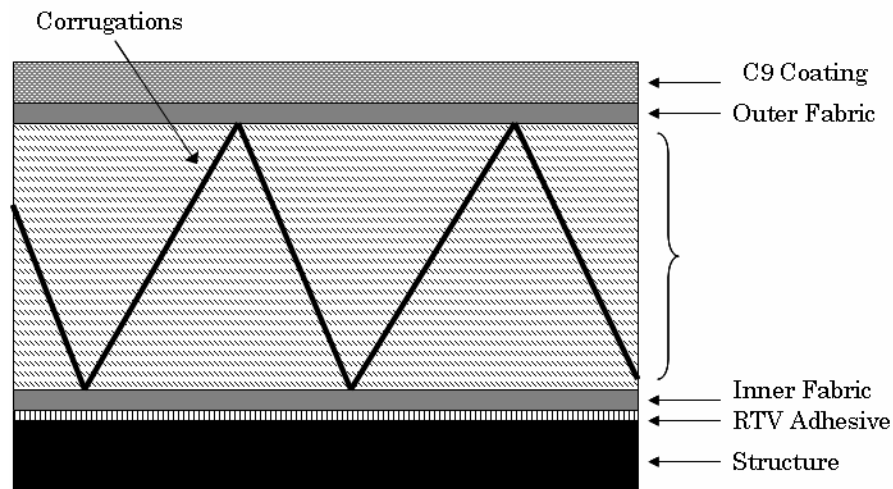
The AFRSI concept was created in an effort to ease installation and maintenance of prior ceramic blanket TPS. It includes an outer fabric coated with ceramic colloidal silica shown in Figure 2.3, high-purity silica fibers (called C-9 coating), a fiber felt insulation and an inner fabric layer [23].



**Figure 2.3: AFRSI Schematic**

### Tailorable Advanced Blanket Insulation (TABI)

The TABI thermal protection system was developed as an improvement to the AFRSI concept and is shown in Figure 2.4. It includes woven corrugations in the insulation layer to increase strength and temperature shielding capabilities [24].



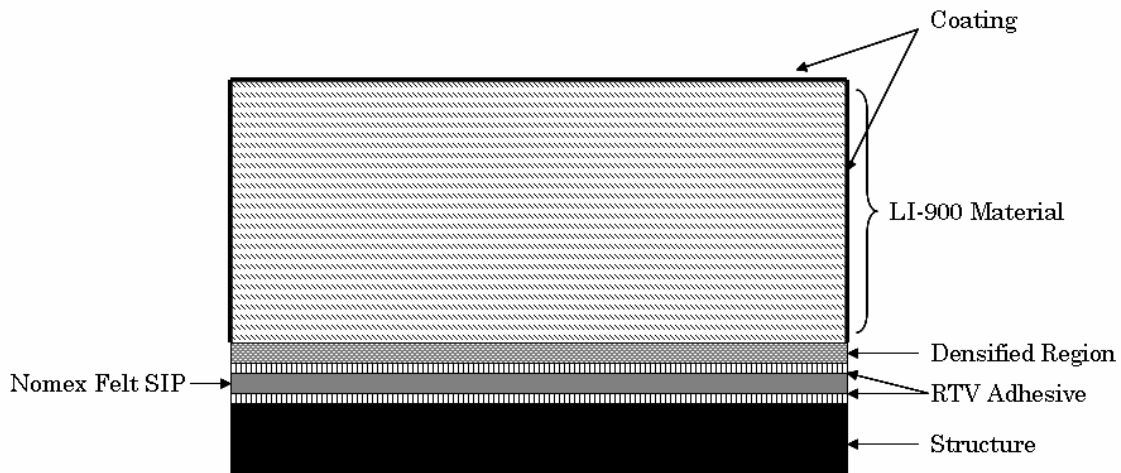
**Figure 2.4: TABI Schematic**

## Ceramic Tiles

The current Shuttle Orbiter predominantly uses rigid ceramic tiles for thermal insulation. This TPS concept typically consists of tiles placed on top of a felt isolation mounting pad, attached to the structure with RTV adhesive. Rigid ceramic tiles have the highest temperature limits of all the TPS concepts. However, the tiles are limited to 6 x 6 inch squares due to strain isolation and thermal shock design parameters. Additionally, they require heavy damage inspection due to their inherently brittle composition and must be waterproofed after each flight [23].

### LI-900 Tiles

The LI-900 tiles consist of rigid, silica fibrous insulation and a protective Reaction-Cured Glass (RCG) coating as shown in Figure 2.5. Like all ceramic tile concepts, they are attached to the underlying vehicle structure with RTV adhesive [24].

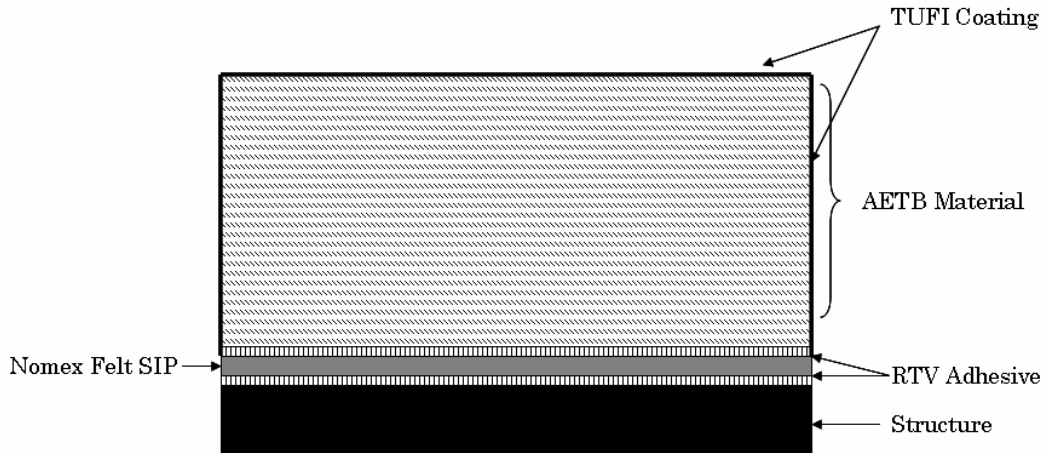


**Figure 2.5: LI-900 Schematic**

### Alumina Enhanced Thermal Barrier Tiles (AETB)

One of the most recent research programs on ceramic tiles is the alumina enhanced thermal barriers (AETB) which includes alumina fibers coupled with a coating of toughened uni-piece fibrous insulation (TUFI) [27]. Shown in Figure 2.6,

AETB was created as an improvement to the LI-900 tiles. These tiles exhibit higher strength, durability and operation temperature capabilities [23].



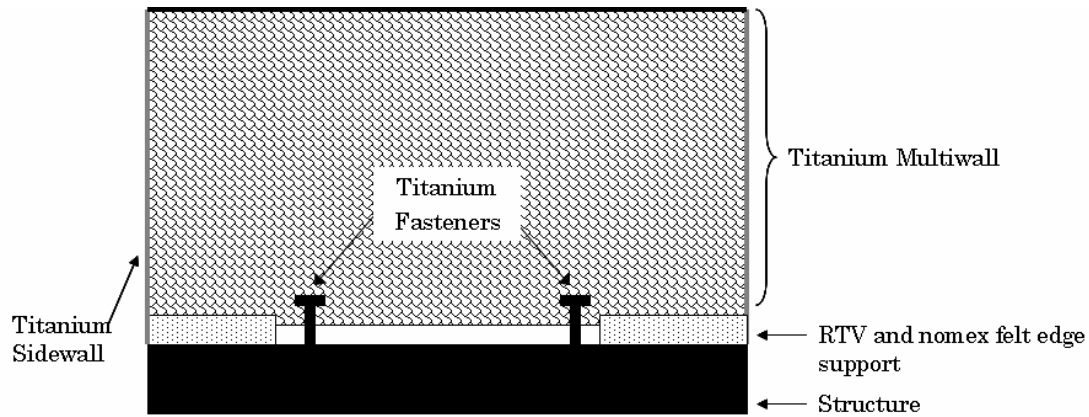
**Figure 2.6: AETB Schematic**

### **Metallic Panels**

Metallic TPS are typically comprised of a foil-gage metallic box surrounding a lightweight ceramic fiber insulation, although foam metal and other metallic insulations are also considered. Typical panels utilize superalloys in the hottest regions and titanium alloys in lower temperature regions. Additionally, the outer face of the panel incorporates a honeycomb sandwich to aid load carrying capability and overall durability. Often the weight of the metallic box is negated to some extent by the low density fiber insulations. Consequently, metallic TPS are receiving considerable attention due to their potential weight, maintenance, repair, and cost benefits [24].

### **Titanium Multiwall (TIMW) Metallic TPS**

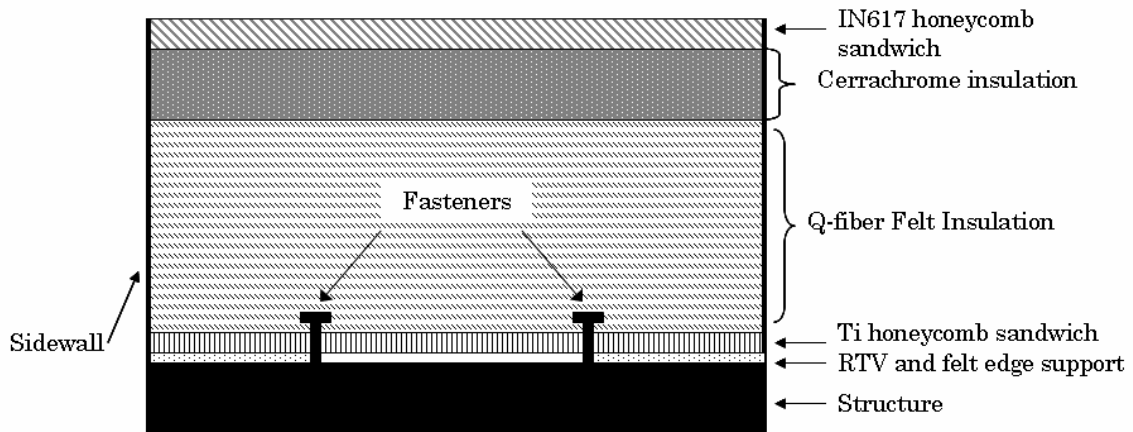
One of the newest metallic TPS concepts, TIMW shown in Figure 2.7 consists of alternating layers of flat and dimpled metallic insulation enclosed by titanium sidewalls. Nomex felt provides mechanical attachment on the edge of the panels [23].



**Figure 2.7: TIMW Schematic**

### Superalloy Honeycomb (SA/HC) Metallic TPS

The SA/HC metallic TPS consists of lightweight Cerrachrome and felt insulation sandwiched between two metallic foils, as depicted in Figure 2.8. The outer layer and sidewalls are Inconel 617 with an inner layer of titanium. This particular design has been heavily tested to predict a maximum operational temperature of 2000°F [24].

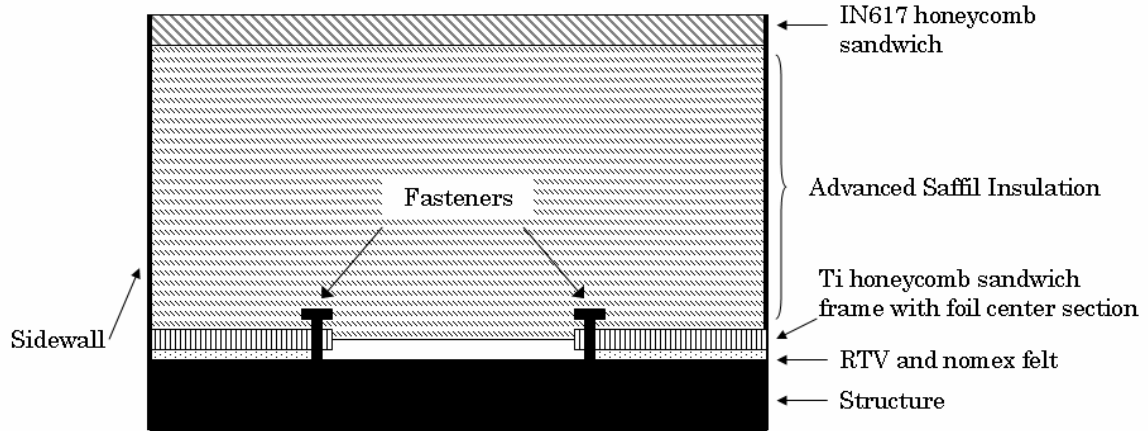


**Figure 2.8: SA/HC Schematic**

### Second Generation Superalloy Honeycomb (SA/HC2) Metallic TPS

The SA/HC2 concept, shown in Figure 2.9, was developed as an improvement to the SA/HC TPS. The main modification with SA/HC2 is the incorporation of Saffil alumina fiber insulation, resulting in a lighter weight and higher temperature TPS

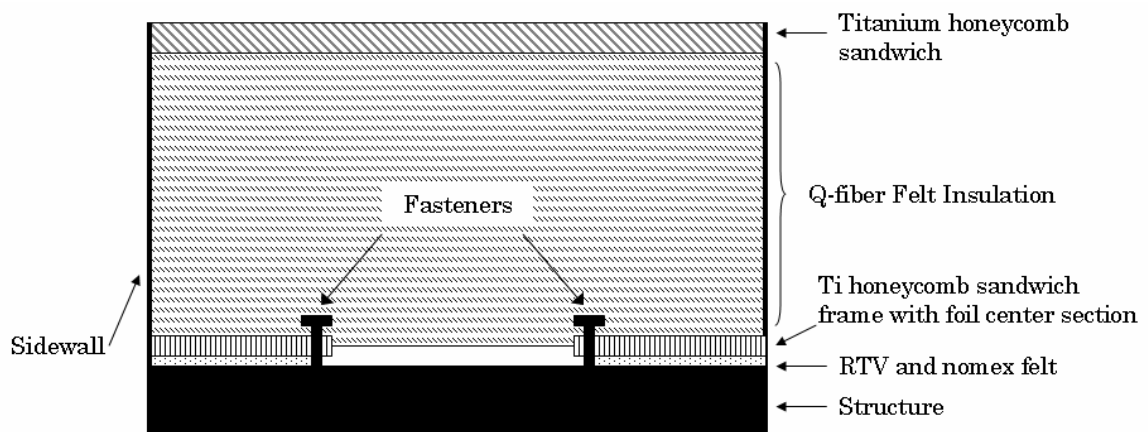
system. These panels have been tested to an operational temperature of 2000°F [23] and are considered in the Adaptable Robust Metallic Operable Reusable (ARMOR) program at NASA Langley [25].



**Figure 2.9: SA/HC2 Schematic**

#### Titanium Honeycomb (TI/HC) Metallic TPS

The TI/HC concept depicted in Figure 2.10 was developed as a lower temperature and reduced weight metallic TPS. By replacing Inconel components with titanium, the overall operational temperature decreases, but a weight savings of 0.37 lb/ft<sup>2</sup> over the SA/HC2 concept is obtained [24].



**Figure 2.10: TI/HC Schematic**

### Advanced Metallic Honeycomb (AMHC) Metallic TPS

The AMHC concept, shown in Figure 2.11, is currently being developed to improve upon previous superalloy metallic TPS. It consists of a box frame, low conductivity Internal Multiscreen Insulation between the outer PM2000, an iron-based alloy, honeycomb sandwich and thin titanium inner facesheet. This design is also the first to consider a quick release fastening system for easier inspection and repair capabilities [23].

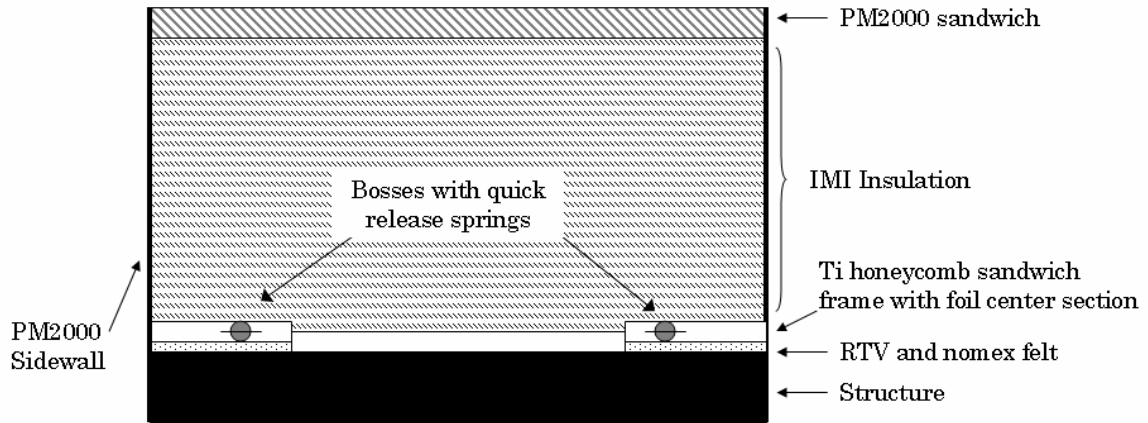


Figure 2.11: AMCH Schematic

### 2.3 *Ceramic versus Metallic TPS*

With the recent demand to create more reliable and cost effective space travel, significant research effort has been spent studying the potential of metallic and ceramic TPS in hopes of driving the cost of payload to LEO below \$1,000/lb. While ceramic TPS are primarily used on the current Shuttle Orbiter, metallic TPS may promise a cheaper, lighter, and more robust TPS system [9]. The general considerations for and against metallic and ceramic TPS are illustrated in Table 2.1 [27].

**Table 2.1: Potential benefits and challenges of metallic versus ceramic TPS**

TPS	<i>Pro</i>	<i>Con</i>
<i>Metallic</i>	More robust due to innate ductility	Possible creep, fatigue, and/or oxidation issues
	More damage resistant	Expensive manufacturing and material costs
	No re-waterproofing (faster turn-around time)	Withstands lower temperatures
	Could be part of weight-bearing structure	
<i>Ceramic</i>		Expensive repair and maintenance costs
	Withstands higher temperatures	Needs re-waterproofing between flights
	Easily replaceable	Parasitic weight addition to load-bearing structure
		Less Robust

Some of the current preliminary studies on metallic TPS examine sizing, creep, flutter, meteoroid/debris risk assessment, and thermal and weight considerations. The two major concerns with any TPS design include cost and weight. A comparison of these practical considerations for various TPS concepts are illustrated in Table 2.2 [27].

**Table 2.2: Weight and cost considerations of metallic versus ceramic TPS**

Material	TPS Type	Maximum Temperature [°F]	Purchase Cost [\$ /ft <sup>2</sup> ]	Fabrication Cost [\$ /ft <sup>2</sup> ]	Area Weight [lb /ft <sup>2</sup> ]
Carbon fiber CMC <sup>b</sup>	Ceramic	3000	15000	479	1.70
Advanced C-C <sup>b</sup>	Ceramic	2900	12000	428	1.70
Shuttle coated C-C <sup>a</sup>	Ceramic	2700	12000	724	1.70
AEBT <sup>b</sup>	Ceramic	2600	800	106	1.19
Li-900 <sup>a</sup>	Ceramic	2300	1160	225	1.10
TABI <sup>b</sup>	Ceramic	2000	1030	52	1.00
AFRSI <sup>a</sup>	Ceramic	1200	330	46	0.94
Ni superalloy tile	Metallic	1900	4450	233	2.00
Ni superalloy sheet	Metallic	1800	4450	233	1.32
TIMW	Metallic	1100	6035	201	2.16

<sup>a</sup> First generation shuttle TPS, <sup>b</sup> Second generation shuttle TPS



## 2.4 *Parametric Studies on Metallic TPS*

In order to produce a relatively lightweight, reusable, robust, and economically viable metallic TPS, studies on a number of key parameters are necessary. From a structural standpoint, proper panel sizing, durability and damage tolerance assessments are critical. Specific concerns pertinent to metallic TPS include minimum material gauge, deflection, boundary layer transition, local heating, insulation, oxidation, creep, and fatigue resistance [9].

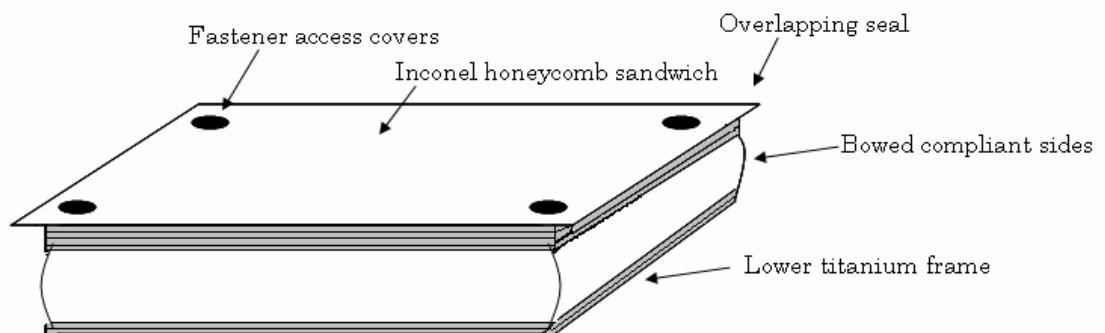
One recent study on metallic TPS examines the use of metallic foam as the insulating core of the sandwich structure. In 2005 Zhu et al examined two types of metallic TPS, one with a titanium foam core as insulation and the other with Saffil insulation (a fibrous alumina found in the SA/HC2 metallic TPS concept). Zhu et al emphasizes metal foams as potential candidates for the honeycomb core due to their higher thermal conductivity and ability to carry structural loads, unlike ceramic equivalents. This study focuses specifically on thermal and mechanical loads extracted from a windward point on the X-33. The study uses a thermal constraint that the maximum structural temperature should not exceed 450 K, and a mechanical constraint that the stress in both metallic foil facesheets as well as the core must not exceed the material strength. With these parameters in mind, the insulating layers were optimally sized while keeping the facesheets a constant 500  $\mu\text{m}$  thick. Zhu et al determined that the stress constraint was more critical than the thermal, however considering thermal constraint alone, the Saffil insulating core produced a thinner and consequently more lightweight TPS structure [32].

Another recent study in 2003 examines metallic TPS for meteoroid and debris risk assessment. Williamsen et al developed ballistic limit curves to predict when metallic TPS would be damaged from meteoroid and orbital debris. Four penetration cases, each one with deeper impact into the layers of the TPS, are analyzed and overall speed and impact effect are assessed on both titanium and Inconel sandwich coupons. By examining hypervelocity impact threats, Williamsen

et al was able to model curves to predict damage tolerance and assessment of metallic TPS [31].

## ARMOR TPS

In the past decade, NASA Langley has studied metallic TPS with the Adaptable Robust Metallic Operable Reusable (ARMOR) TPS concept. An ARMOR TPS design, as shown in Figure 2.12, originates from the SA/HC concept and includes a metallic sandwich panel used to re-radiate heat. Panel to panel gaps on the outside of the structure are sealed by overhanging metal foil and used to prevent ingress of hot gases during re-entry. The ARMOR concept is designed with these critical requirements in mind: the TPS panels must withstand aerodynamic pressure, drag, acoustic and dynamic loading experienced during flight, as well as thermal mismatch loading between the TPS and the underlying structure, the TPS must have reasonable risk of failure from debris encountered during launch or orbit, and the TPS must help produce an economically viable RLV TPS. The study defines economic viability by calculating six cost components that equal the total cost of a launch. These cost factors include: 1 – development cost, 2 – vehicle production cost, 3 – flight operations cost (per flight), 4 – recurring cost of recovery, 5 – refurbishment cost, and 6 – cost of launch insurance [5].



**Figure 2.12: ARMOR TPS panel, outer surface**

Most of the preliminary metallic TPS research on ARMOR involves sizing the TPS structure. One such study on ARMOR sizes the panel configuration by aerothermal heating and cryogenic conditions experienced in three environments: groundhold, ascent, and reentry. Purely analytical in nature, this study considers metallic TPS panels with titanium alloys and Inconel 617 foil sheets ranging from 150  $\mu\text{m}$  to 400  $\mu\text{m}$  in thickness, depending on insulating requirements, with foam-filled honeycomb sandwich construction. Four critical locations on the vehicle were examined and the study specifically focuses on the sizing of the fibrous insulation layer and honeycomb sandwich. After the preliminary sizing process, the overall ARMOR TPS weight was increased by 18% to withstand cryogenic and reentry temperatures [25].

A concurrent ARMOR study examines two critical factors in obtaining economically viable space flight: target gross and empty weights of the vehicle, and establishing and meeting a series of operational goals similar to the FAR (Federal Aviation Regulations) 25 for commercial aircraft. The key mission and operational requirements defined in the study are: minimum 20 year functional life, minimum design life of the airframe of 100 reference missions, post-flight maintenance and preflight operations performed in 7 days or less, vehicle turn-around time in 48 hours, 20 flights before scheduled maintenance, scheduled maintenance not exceeding 14 days, and no more than 3 scheduled maintenance periods per year. Additionally, this particular study introduces the integrated airframe concept, suggesting a thinner, but heavier system may produce the lowest overall weight through a coupled decrease in vehicle weight-bearing capacity and increase in volumetric efficiency. More specifically, the geometrical parameters of the panels were analyzed with the integrated airframe, or ‘aeroshell’ concept in mind. A lightweight titanium frame was suggested on the lower TPS, leading to a more AMHC type TPS concept. Two immediate benefits of ARMOR TPS include the

design of the pressure seals on the lower, cooler surface of the panel, and the fact that the panels provide added layers of protection above the underlying substructure of the reusable launch vehicle. This study sized the metallic foil facesheets, depending on vehicle location, material and conditions, between 38  $\mu\text{m}$  to 150  $\mu\text{m}$  thick [8].

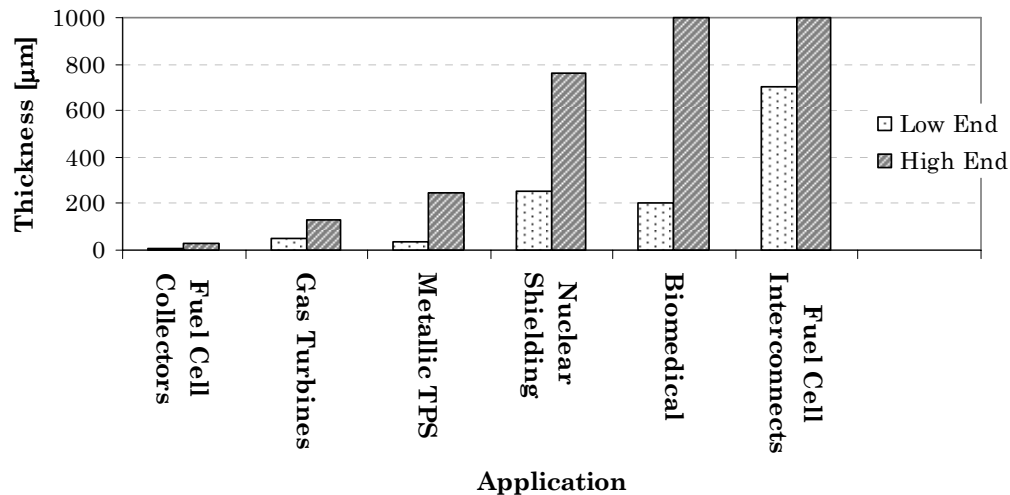
In 2002, another study on ARMOR determined key factors that would govern the performance of the TPS system for a reusable launch vehicle. Utilizing FEM models, thermal analysis of metallic TPS were performed. Particular attention was paid to the non-load-bearing insulation, where heat shorts exist in the gaps between metallic panel and at mechanical attachments. Sensitivity studies were conducted to determine design drivers on mass and thickness of the improved metallic TPS. Results suggested that one of the crucial thermal performance factors was the radiation in the gaps between panels, where even small spaces among panels could produce large increases in heat reaching the structure. Therefore, the study concluded that reducing the emittance of the gap would not be a practical solution for limiting gap radiation, and suggested eliminating panel to panel gaps from TPS design entirely [3].

A fourth study conducted on ARMOR uses an iterative process to size the TPS panels with thermal and structural load parameters as part of an integrated TPS/cryogenic tank structural wall. This study also includes the addition of a compliant TPS support system (TPSS) as well as performs a creep analysis on the TPS panels. Eight structural load conditions and three thermal load conditions from liftoff, ascent and reentry were used on an ARMOR TPS concept that featured subsurface sealing to prevent the panel to panel gap radiation as well as decoupled deformation and thermal expansion between the TPS inner and outer surface. The structural components of the panel were sized to perform successfully under anticipated acoustic, inertial, and aerothermodynamic loading conditions. Unlike

previous ARMOR studies that were purely analytical in nature, this study built four prototype ARMOR panels [5].

## 2.5 Additional Thin Foil Fatigue and Fracture Applications

Thin foil fatigue and fracture concerns arise in countless engineering applications. Besides its role in thermal protection system design for aerospace applications, it is also a concern in gas turbine engines and miniature drone aircraft. Outside of the aerospace industry, thin foil fatigue and fracture issues appear in fuel cell design in the automotive and power industry, MEMS and solder joints in the electronics industry, fusion reactors in the nuclear industry, as well as many applications in the biomedical field. Figure 2.13 illustrates the typical maximum and minimum gauge thickness of the metals foils utilized in various engineering applications.



**Figure 2.13: Diagram of upper and lower range foil gauge thickness for various engineering applications**

### Biomedical Applications

Of the many thin component fatigue and fracture applications in the biomedical industry some examples include: artificial heart valves, hip joints, and knee joints, and cosmetic dentistry such as the design of veneers. Much of the

current research aims to further understand and perfect delamination resistant organic coatings on metallic thin films used to allow the body to accept the foreign materials as if it were its own natural material. Liu et al examined surface functional groups in nucleating calcium phosphate deposition on commercially pure titanium foils used in many surgical implants [21] such as a hip joint, whereas Morra and Cassinelli examined thin film deposition onto titanium implants specifically designed for prosthetic dentistry [22].

### **Fuel Cell and MEMS Applications**

Thin component fatigue and fracture is becoming a critical concern as electronics and energy providers become smaller and lighter. Hahn et al examined MEMS-based fuel cells for applications like wireless sensor networks, chip cars, or autonomous Microsystems. This research investigates patterning technology for the stainless steel films between 10  $\mu\text{m}$  and 30  $\mu\text{m}$  in thickness, specifically the fabrication of micro flow fields to improve overall fuel cell performance [15].

Additionally Huang et al examined interconnects in solid oxide fuel cells which provide an electric contact between the cathode and anode as well as separates the fuel and air. Typically ceramic interconnects have been used at high operating temperatures; however Huang et al suggests superalloys as promising interconnect candidates. The research focuses on oxidation kinetics to reduce temperatures and improve performance on iron base alloys 1 mm thick [16].

Research on copper foils by Jiang examined electrochemical properties of sintered hydrogen storage to improve weight and power capabilities for fuel cell and battery applications [18], whereas Belhomme et al focuses on the cathode of molten carbonate fuel cells for a more clean and efficient power source than its predecessors. In both cases Belhomme et al and Jiang synthesized several different oxides [2].

Lastly, Son et al particularly focused on tensile and fatigue crack growth of lithographic, galvanforming, abforming, nickel MEMS 10  $\mu\text{m}$  thick. Son et al suggests that because thin films used in the MEMS differ from bulk materials in mechanical properties, their fatigue and fracture properties must be separately determined to improve product design and reliability. Consequently, monotonic tensile tests and fatigue experiments were conducted on the foils. The study concluded that the nickel MEMS exhibited brittle tensile behavior, a Paris relationship between stress intensity factor and crack propagation rate, and an overall reduced fatigue strength due to thickness effects [29].

### **Energy Applications**

Metallic foils are used extensively in both nuclear fusion reactor design and gas turbine engines. In particular, James et al examined fatigue crack growth in magnetic fusion reactor (MFR) first-walls. First wall environments in MFR are cyclic in nature, so fatigue resistance is critical in MFR design. As a result, James et al tested stainless steel 254  $\mu\text{m}$  thick at three stress levels: 112 MPa, 147 MPa, 170 MPa. Besides pure fatigue considerations, another major experimental variable in MFR first-walls is the effect of neutron irradiation on crack growth behavior. For this reason some of the specimens were irradiated for post irradiation fatigue testing. Crack lengths were determined by periodically examining specimen with a traveling microscope and the work concluded that relatively large numbers of specimens required for MFR first-wall alloy development program can be produced using a minimum of irradiation space [17].

Puigh et al examined candidate fusion reactor materials, specifically focusing on irradiated and unirradiated titanium alloys (Ti-6Al-4V) 760  $\mu\text{m}$  thick. Center cracked tension and fatigue tests were conducted at ambient conditions with a sine waveform frequency of 5 Hz and a load ratio of 0.1. Fracture toughness values as low as 4.2  $\text{MPa}\sqrt{\text{m}}$  were observed, and the titanium alloys were shown to exhibit

crack growth rates three times greater than other commonly used metals, such as stainless steel, in fusion reactors [26].

Simms et al examined the honeycomb structures of industrial gas turbines in effort to increase turbine operating efficiency and reduce environmental emissions. Iron and nickel base foils 49  $\mu\text{m}$  to 127  $\mu\text{m}$  thick were examined in natural gas combustion environments undergoing thermal cycles for up to 1500 hours. Specimen surfaces were visually checked and overall oxidation rates and mass gains were plotted in order to determine sensitivities and material reliability [28].



## CHAPTER 3

### METALLIC FOIL FATIGUE & FRACTURE

#### *3.1 TPS Relevance*

Metallic thermal protection systems under development for reusable launch vehicles include metallic sandwich panels with honeycomb or foam cores and foil facesheets. In addition to possessing good heat transfer characteristics, these panels must also exhibit structural durability at both elevated temperatures encountered during atmospheric re-entry, as well as extremely cold temperatures encountered in deep space. From a structural standpoint, resistance to shear loading (developed by the friction boundary layer during re-entry), creep and fatigue are crucial. The fact that sandwich panels carry most of the bending, twisting, and in-plane loading in the skins and the core attributes to the bending stiffness and load-bearing capacity is well established, however relatively little information exists regarding the fatigue behavior of such structures [30].

#### *3.2 Thin Metallic Foil Research*

In a recent study on the fatigue behavior of Ni-base foils with thicknesses typical of those used for thermal protection systems, crack growth rates were found to be several orders of magnitude higher than that expected for thicker material [20,30]. The high crack growth rates observed in thin foils are of concern for in-plane loading of honeycomb sandwich structures since the core does not significantly contribute to the fatigue crack growth resistance [30]. Consequently, the skins govern the overall fatigue crack growth rate.

In contrast to the results for Ni-base foils where unexpectedly high crack growth rates were observed [20,30], a recent publication by Guo et al [13] on the effect of thickness on the fatigue behavior of 2024-T851 aluminum showed a decrease in fatigue crack growth rate as the specimen thickness was reduced from

12 mm to 2 mm. Guo et al attributed the decrease in crack growth rate to the stress state ahead of the crack tip and the plastic zone size. In addition to stress state and plastic zone variations, the effect of thickness on crack growth rates may be related to changes in microstructure with specimen thickness, particularly in the foil regime ( $< 250\text{ }\mu\text{m}$  in thickness). Hadrboletz et al and Klein et al examined both copper and aluminum foils between  $10\text{ }\mu\text{m}$  and  $250\text{ }\mu\text{m}$  and cited immediate crack arrest in fatigue crack growth curves, suggesting plastic zones and variations in material microstructure as instigators [14,19]. Another study by Broek and Schijve [6] determined that for 2024-T3 Alclad sheets, the crack growth rates increased as thickness was increased from 0.6 mm to 4 mm. The seemingly contradictory effect of thickness on the crack growth rate may be related to the ductility and notch sensitivity of the material being tested.

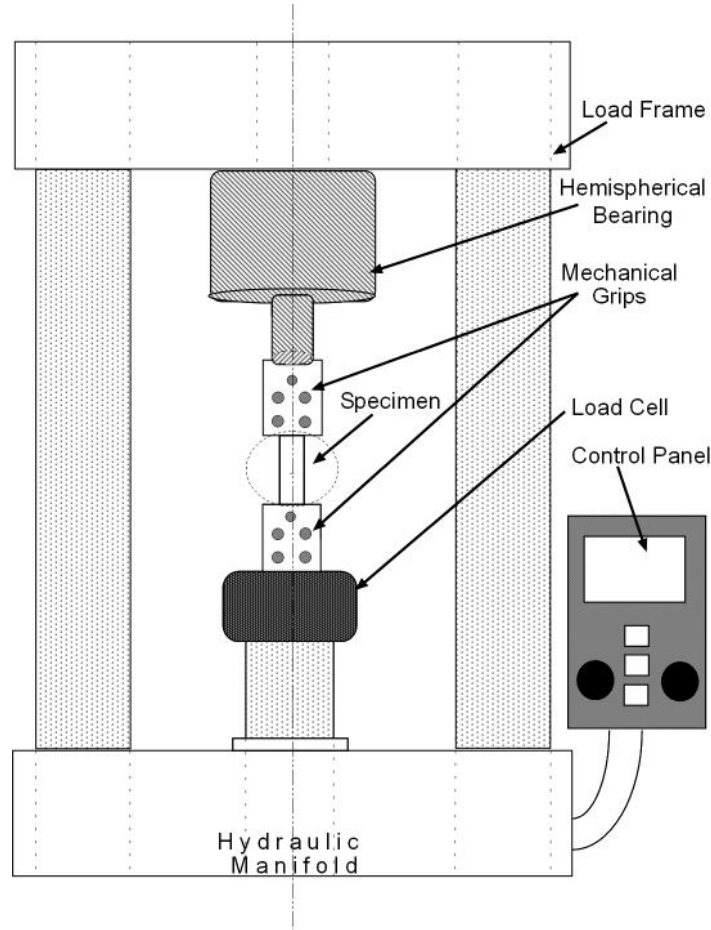
### *3.3 Research Objective*

The goal of the present study was twofold. The initial objective was to determine if the elevated crack growth rates discovered in previous research for Ni-base foils were characteristic of other metallic foils, with the ensuing goal of establishing if foil thickness or loading direction (longitudinal versus transverse) significantly affects crack growth rate. Taking these factors into consideration, the fracture toughness and fatigue crack growth rates of aluminum-magnesium alloy foils with thicknesses between  $30\text{ }\mu\text{m}$  and  $250\text{ }\mu\text{m}$  were examined. An aluminum base alloy was selected because of its drastically different mechanical behavior compared to high-strength nickel base alloys, as well as its relevance to aerospace applications.

### 3.4 *Experimental Procedure*

#### **Grips and Load Frame**

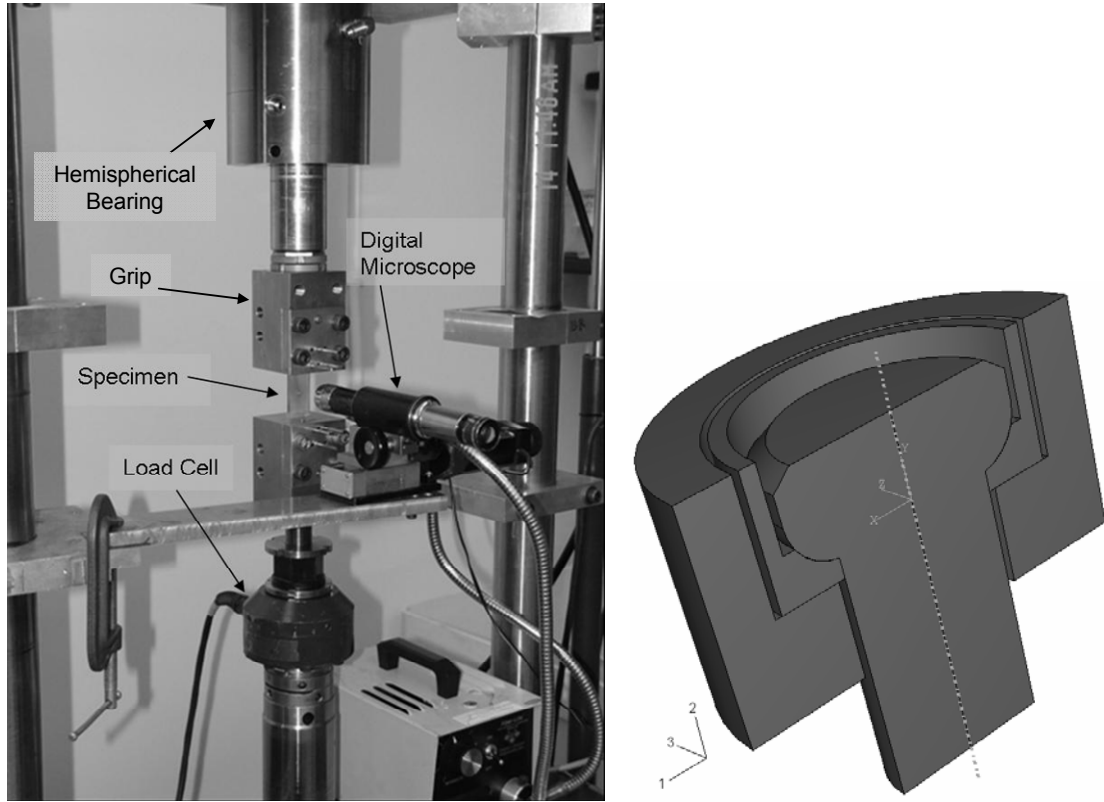
All tests, monotonic tension, fracture toughness and fatigue, were performed using an MTS Model 810 servo-hydraulic load frame. The experimental setup is illustrated in Figure 3.1 and Figure 3.2.



**Figure 3.1: Schematic of experimental setup**

As discussed in greater detail in reference [20], avoiding bending loads and applying the load through the centerline of the test specimen is imperative when testing thin foils. Within the foil regime, even small transverse force components can cause specimen distortion and out-of-plane buckling. To minimize bending strains and ensure pure axial loading, the upper specimen grip was attached to a self-centering hemispherical bearing (Figure 3.2) that was free to swivel and rotate

within its fixture, while the lower grip was rigidly fixed to the load cell. This arrangement allowed the specimen to ‘self-align’ during initial specimen installation, and coupled with center-notched foils provides uniform crack growth on both sides of the notch [20].



**Figure 3.2: Experimental setup (*left*) and close up schematic of hemispherical bearing (*right*)<sup>[20]</sup>**

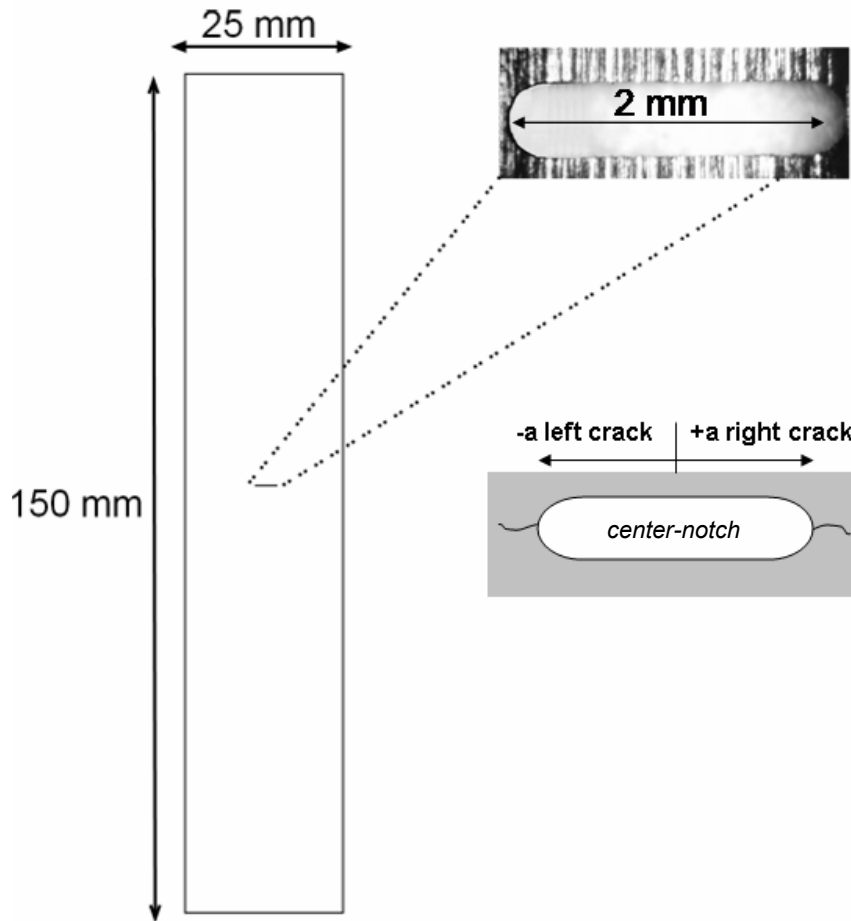
The 30  $\mu\text{m}$  and 100  $\mu\text{m}$  thick foils were face-loaded within the grips, whereas the 250  $\mu\text{m}$  foils utilized both friction and pin loading. With the exception of tensile testing of 250  $\mu\text{m}$  thick foils, all experiments were performed using a 1000 N load cell (a 2000 N load cell was used for tensile testing of 250  $\mu\text{m}$  foils). Strain was measured by use of a linear variable displacement transducer (LVDT) mounted across the upper and lower grip.

## Material and Specimen Geometry

Rectangular center-notched specimens were used for fracture toughness and fatigue crack growth testing. Specimens were removed from as-rolled 97Al-3Mg foil sheets having a nominal thickness of 30  $\mu\text{m}$ , 100  $\mu\text{m}$  and 250  $\mu\text{m}$  [12].

For the 30  $\mu\text{m}$  thick foil, 150 mm long x 25 mm wide specimens were cut from 150 mm x 150 mm sheets. In order to determine if rolling direction influenced fatigue behavior, the 30  $\mu\text{m}$  specimens were removed with the loading axis either parallel or perpendicular to the rolling direction ( $0^\circ$  or  $90^\circ$ ). The loading axis was parallel to the rolling direction for all 100  $\mu\text{m}$  and 250  $\mu\text{m}$  thick specimens. Specimens 25 mm wide and either 100 mm or 150 mm long were used for the 100  $\mu\text{m}$  thick foil. For the 250  $\mu\text{m}$  foil, initial tests were performed using specimens 100 mm long x 25 mm wide with a series of 2 mm diameter holes that mated with pins to provide additional loading in the specimen grips. However, this particular specimen geometry was abandoned in favor of longer (150 mm) specimens machined from 150 mm x 150 mm sheets that could be directly face-loaded without pin holes.

For all thicknesses examined, notches 2 mm to 3 mm in length were machined in the center of the specimens by electric discharge machining (EDM) or by use of an end mill. The use of an end mill was found to provide better dimensional quality of the notch. Crack growth was measured on each side of the notch, right and left, as shown in Figure 3.3.



**Figure 3.3: Specimen geometry**

To characterize the foil material prior to fracture toughness and fatigue testing, as well as aid in establishing fatigue loads, the room temperature monotonic tensile behavior was determined using thin specimens from the foil sheets. The 100  $\mu\text{m}$  and 250  $\mu\text{m}$  thick foils were tested with the loading axis parallel to the rolling direction of the foils, whereas the 30  $\mu\text{m}$  foil specimens were loaded with the axis either parallel or perpendicular to the rolling direction.

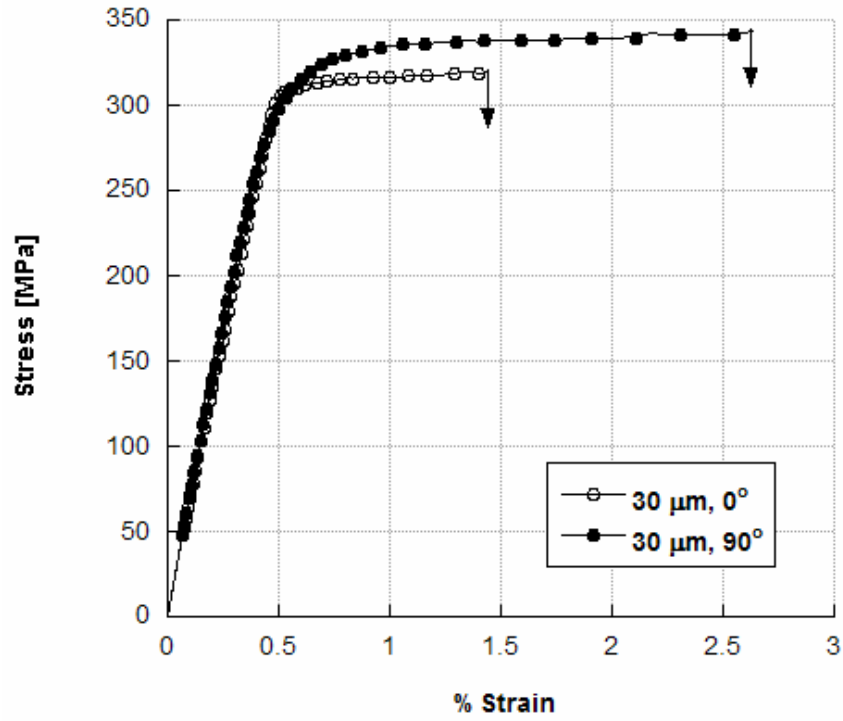


Figure 3.4: Room temperature monotonic stress strain response of 30  $\mu\text{m}$  Al-Mg foil, transverse and longitudinal orientations

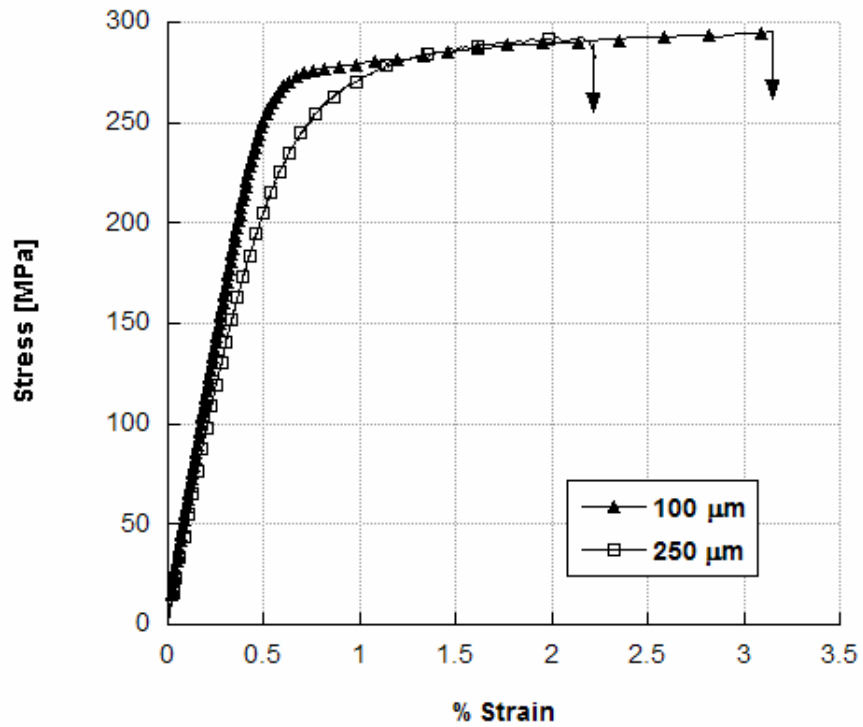


Figure 3.5: Room temperature monotonic stress strain response of 100  $\mu\text{m}$  and 250  $\mu\text{m}$  thick Al-Mg foil

Figures 3.4 and 3.5 compare the stress-strain response of longitudinal and transverse specimens removed from the 30  $\mu\text{m}$  thick foil, as well as the longitudinal 100  $\mu\text{m}$  and 250  $\mu\text{m}$  thick foils. Table 3.1 outlines the yield strength, tensile strength, failure strain and elastic modulus of the foils resulting from the monotonic stress-strain with the tensile axis parallel to the rolling direction as compared to similar aluminum alloys from literature. Yield strength was determined by the 0.2% offset slope of the elastic region. It should be noted that the failure strain for all foils was below 4%, considerably lower than what is commonly quoted for typical Al-base alloys [7]. For all tension tests, the loading rate was 0.015 kN/s. Specimen gauge lengths ranged between 40 mm and 80 mm, and all experimental raw data can be found in Appendix A.

**Table 3.1: Room temperature mechanical properties of Al-Mg (97/3) foil**

Thickness [m]	Loading Direction	0.2% Offset $\sigma_y$ [MPa]	Ultimate Strength [MPa]	Failure Strain [%]	Elastic Modulus [GPa]
30	0°	308	320	1.4	61.7
30	90°	265	340	2.6	66.7
100	0°	244	295	3.2	52.4
250	0°	170	290	2.2	44.4
<i>Al 5252-O</i> [7]		115	240	27	68.3
<i>Al 7075-T6</i> [10]		469	578	11	71
<i>Al 2024-T4</i> [10]		303	476	20	73.1

Consistent with the low failure strain, all specimens exhibited a flat fracture surface, indicative of a low ductility material. Notably, the 250  $\mu\text{m}$  foil is the only thickness that exhibited distinct shear failure typical of plane stress. The 30  $\mu\text{m}$  and 100  $\mu\text{m}$  thick foils revealed much different fracture characteristics with limited through-thickness thinning during tensile testing. The 30  $\mu\text{m}$  thick foil flat fracture surface is shown in Figure 3.6.





**Figure 3.6: Flat fracture surface of 30  $\mu\text{m}$  thick foil**

### *3.5 Fracture Toughness Tests*

For fracture toughness testing, specimens of each foil thickness were precracked under load control at a stress ratio between 0.2 and 0.3, and a sinusoidal loading frequency between 10 and 20 Hz at ambient conditions. The precracking loads and total fatigue cycles are provided in Table 3.2. Fracture toughness was estimated by loading the precracked specimens until failure at a loading rate of 0.015 kN/s. Ideally, the CTOD should be measured across the crack face in a center-notched specimen. However, in view of the experimental difficulty of making direct measurements on the faces of thin foils, specimen displacement was determined by an LVDT mounted between the grip faces. Using this procedure, the elastic deformation that would occur over the specimen length between the grip faces is included in the force-displacement curves. However, because of the rigidity of the load frame and grips relative to the specimen size, the effect of elastic deformation of the uncracked regions of the foil on the displacement can be estimated by subtracting the compliance of the system from the strain measurements.

**Table 3.2: Summary of the room temperature fracture toughness pre-crack data for Al-Mg foils**

ID	Thickness [ $\mu\text{m}$ ]	Loading Direction	R	Frequency [Hz]	Right Pre-crack Length [mm]	Left Pre-crack Length [mm]	Pre-crack Cycles [x1000]
1	30	0°	0.2	10	1.13	0.96	40
2	30	0°	0.2	10	0.99	1.09	20
3	30	90°	0.2	10	1.03	1.18	17
4	30	90°	0.2	10	0.94	1.03	13
5	100	0°	0.15	10	0.4	0.4	359
6	250	0°	0.2	20	0.44	0.52	356
7	250	0°	0.28	20	0.6	0.76	303
8	250	0°	0.22	20	0.8	0.8	1001

### 3.6 Fatigue Tests

All fatigue tests were performed under load control at a stress ratio of approximately 0.2 and a sinusoidal loading frequency of 10 Hz at ambient conditions. For the 30  $\mu\text{m}$  foils, maximum fatigue stress levels of 120 and 160 MPa were investigated. The 100  $\mu\text{m}$  foils were tested at maximum stress levels of 90, 120 and 160 MPa, and the 250  $\mu\text{m}$  foils were examined at a maximum stress of 70 MPa.

Crack growth was monitored during the fatigue tests by periodically pausing the test and ramping to a stress level approximately 90% of the maximum fatigue stress to aid in opening the crack faces. The use of a center-notched specimen, a necessary condition for symmetric crack growth of thin foils [20], provides two sets of crack growth data for each test specimen. Cracks on the right and left side of the notch were measured using an optical microscope attached to the load frame with a 20 X objective. As discussed in greater length in Chapter 4, in all cases there was excellent agreement between measurements made for cracks on either side of the center-notch. Moreover, due to the inherent nature of foils, measurement of crack lengths was relatively straightforward since cracks were through-thickness and could be illuminated from the backside of the test specimen.

### 3.7 Data Analysis

The cyclic crack growth behavior outside the threshold regime for crack growth can typically be described by the Paris relation, which equates the cyclic crack growth  $da/dN$  and the stress intensity range  $\Delta K$  by

$$\frac{da}{dN} = C\Delta K^m \quad (1)$$

The stress intensity range for a center-cracked specimen as a function of the far field stress range is defined in terms of the half-crack length,  $a$ , by

$$\Delta K = Y\Delta\sigma\sqrt{\pi a} \quad (2)$$

where  $Y$  is the geometry correction factor defined in terms of the ratio ( $\alpha$ ) of half the length of the crack to half the width of the specimen [6].

$$Y = \frac{1 - 0.5\alpha + 0.326\alpha^2}{\sqrt{1 - \alpha}} \quad (3)$$

The cyclic plastic zone size can be calculated utilizing plane stress conditions for thin foils with

$$r_y = \frac{1}{8\pi} \left( \frac{K}{\sigma_y} \right)^2 \quad (4)$$

where  $K$  is the stress intensity factor defining the local stresses around the crack and  $\sigma_y$  is the yield strength of the material.

## CHAPTER 4

### EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS

#### *4.1 Fracture Toughness*

Typical load-displacement curves for the foil specimens are given in Figure 4.1 for longitudinally and transversely loaded 30  $\mu\text{m}$  thick foils; and Figure 4.2 for longitudinally loaded 30  $\mu\text{m}$ , 100  $\mu\text{m}$  and 250  $\mu\text{m}$  thick foils. A summary of the fracture toughness values obtained from testing of all three foil thicknesses can be found in Table 4.1 and can be compared to values found in literature for various aluminum alloys, steels and ceramics found in Table 4.2. For all foil specimen tested, the fracture toughness values were substantially lower than the plane stress or plane strain fracture toughness values commonly reported for thicker Al alloys [7]. Fracture toughness was determined by fitting a 95% slope line to the linear elastic region of the experimentally determined force versus displacement data. The point where the 95% slope line and the experimentally determined curve cross is the associated critical load. Utilizing the specimen geometry and crack growth data, the critical stress and corresponding critical stress intensity, otherwise known as fracture toughness, can be calculated using equations (2) and (3) from section 3.7. Consistent with the low toughness values and low ductility from monotonic tensile testing, all specimens exhibited brittle fracture surfaces during toughness testing. Raw data for these tests can be found in Appendix B.

**Table 4.1: Al-Mg fracture toughness values**

ID	Thickness [ $\mu\text{m}$ ]	Loading Direction	$K_{Ic}$ [MPa- $\sqrt{\text{m}}$ ]
1	30	0°	13.4
2	30	0°	13.7
3	30	90°	15.1
4	30	90°	17.4
5	100	0°	13.8
7	250	0°	12.8
8	250	0°	16.9
9	250	0°	13.1
<i>Average</i>			<i>14.5</i>

**Table 4.2: Various materials fracture toughness values [10]**

Material	$K_{Ic}$ [MPa- $\sqrt{\text{m}}$ ]
Man-Ten steel	200
AISI 4340 steel	130
Al 2024-T3	34
Al 7075-T6	29
Alumina (+15% ZrO <sub>2</sub> )	10
Alumina	4.0
Silicon carbide	3.7
Dolomitic limestone	1.3

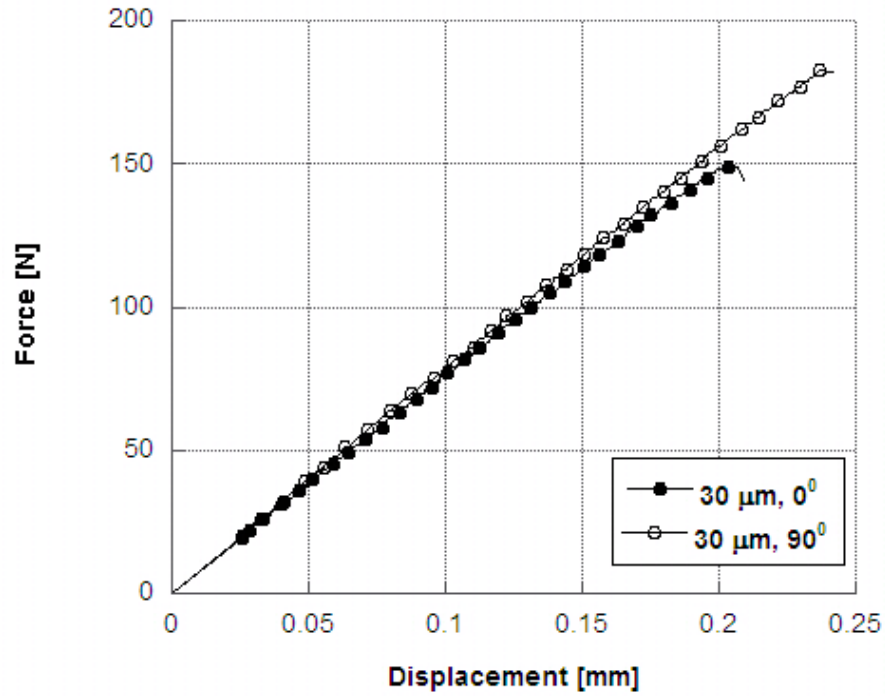


Figure 4.1: Load-displacement curve illustrating orientation effect on fracture toughness for 30  $\mu\text{m}$

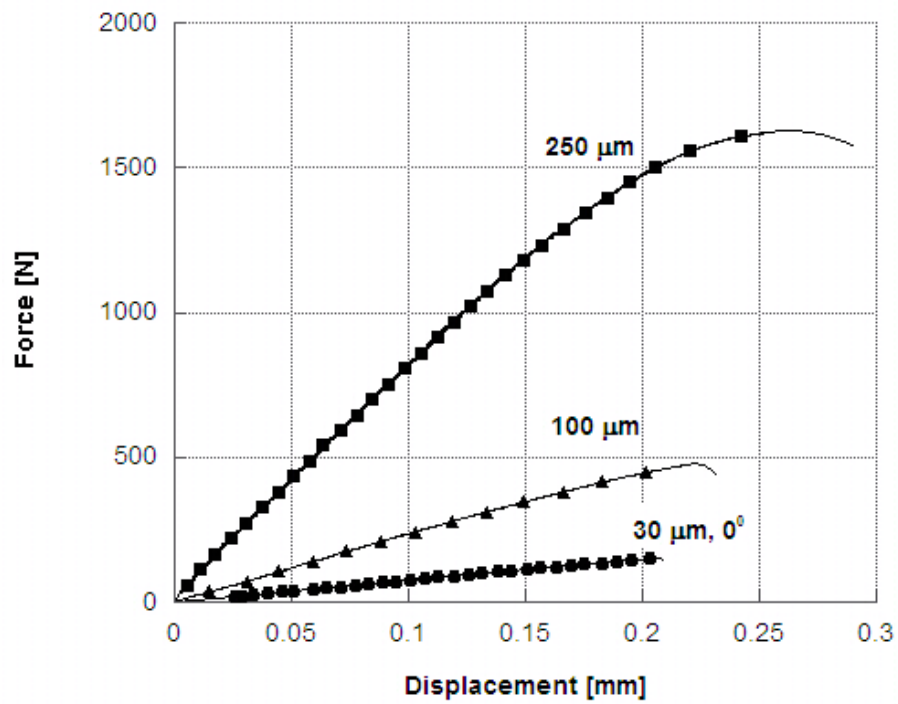


Figure 4.2: Load-displacement curve illustrating size effect on fracture toughness for 30  $\mu\text{m}$ , 100  $\mu\text{m}$ , 250  $\mu\text{m}$  thick foils

The resulting trend of extremely low fracture toughness for foil-thickness metals is consistent with earlier investigations that showed very low fracture toughness for Ni-base foils [30] and 43  $\mu\text{m}$  thick Ti-6Al-4V foils (current work by author). In a study on 43  $\mu\text{m}$  thick Ti-6Al-4V foils, similar to the 97Al-3Mg foils, the fracture toughness was approximately 20% of the plane strain fracture toughness values commonly quoted in the literature [7].

The considerably reduced fracture toughness of metal foils, although influenced by microstructure, is significant. Traditional practice assumes toughness is a minimum for plane-strain conditions, and reaches a maximum value when plane-stress conditions exist. However as illustrated in Figure 4.3, a bell-shaped curve may exist for the thickness dependence of fracture toughness of many metals, with the toughness of foils having values even below plane strain fracture toughness. As a result, basing calculations for critical crack length on an assumed lower bound obtained from plane-strain fracture toughness data, or on a higher bound obtained from the testing of sheet-thickness materials (in the range of 1 mm) is not appropriate for thinner structures. This low toughness trend in the foil regime is of particular concern when designing thermal protection systems utilizing foil-thickness metals, but could also be significant for many other applications including nano-phase foils and wires [1].

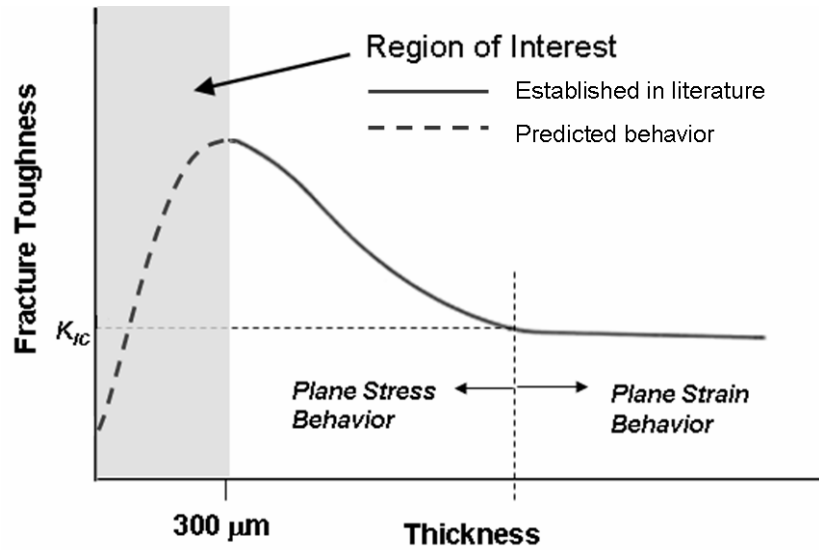


Figure 4.3: Schematic dependence of fracture toughness on thickness

## 4.2 Fatigue Crack Growth

Figures 4.4 through 4.6 show the crack length versus accumulated fatigue cycles for  $30\ \mu\text{m}$ ,  $100\ \mu\text{m}$  and  $250\ \mu\text{m}$  thick foils, respectively. Good agreement between the crack length measurements made on the right and left side of the machined notch was obtained, indicating uniform tensile loading of the specimens. Figure 4.7 compares the cyclic dependence of crack length of for  $30\ \mu\text{m}$  and  $100\ \mu\text{m}$  thick specimens at stress levels of 120 and 160 MPa. Raw data from these tests can be found in Appendix C.



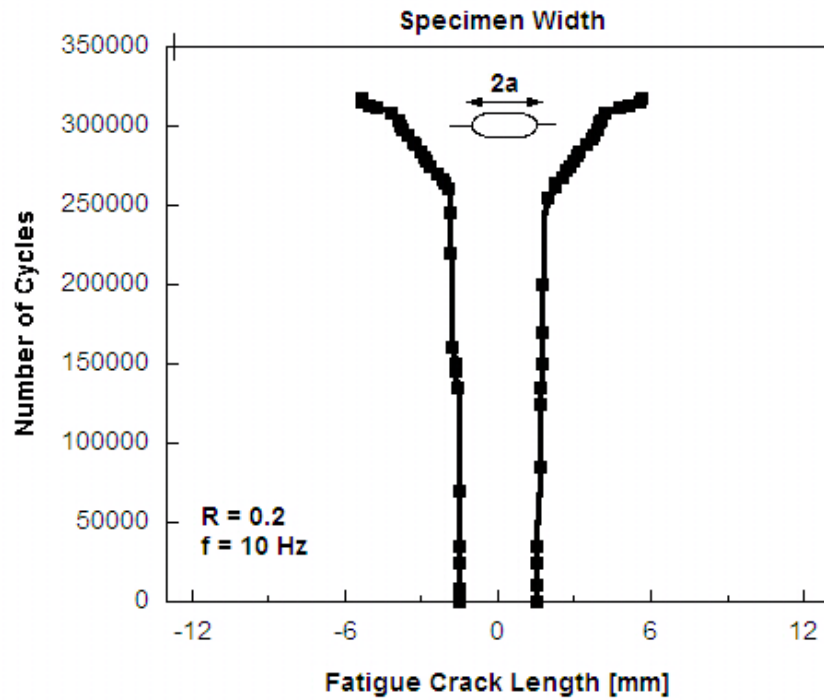


Figure 4.4: Crack length versus cycles for 250  $\mu\text{m}$  thick foil at a stress level of 70 MPa

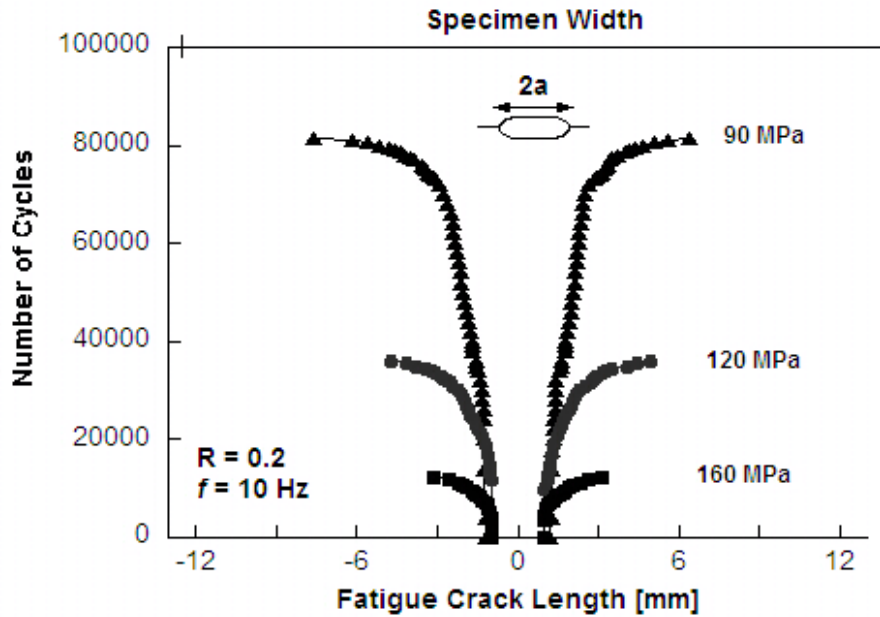


Figure 4.5: Crack length versus cycles for 100  $\mu\text{m}$  thick foil at three stress levels

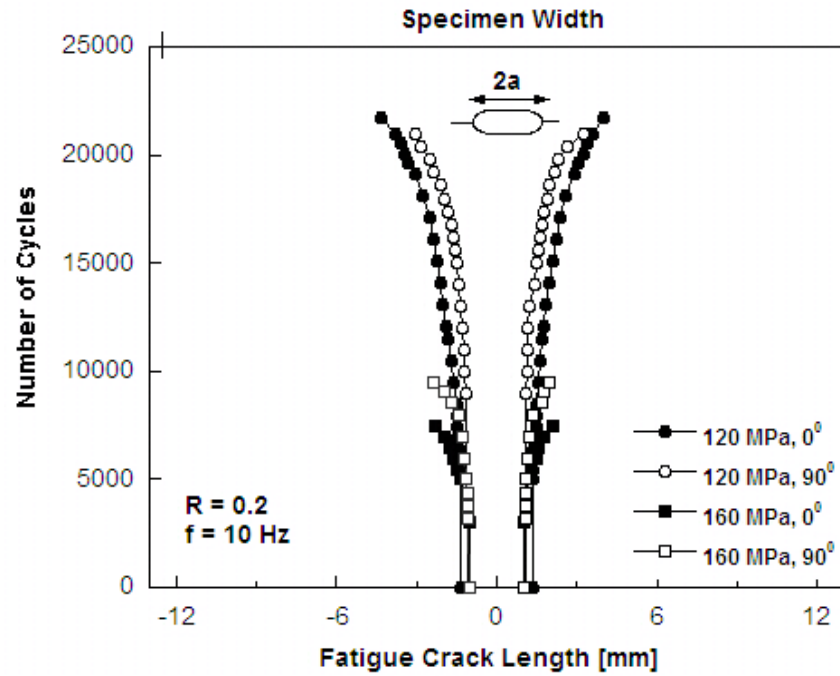


Figure 4.6: Crack length versus cycles for 30  $\mu\text{m}$  thick foil at two stress levels and both longitudinal and transverse orientation

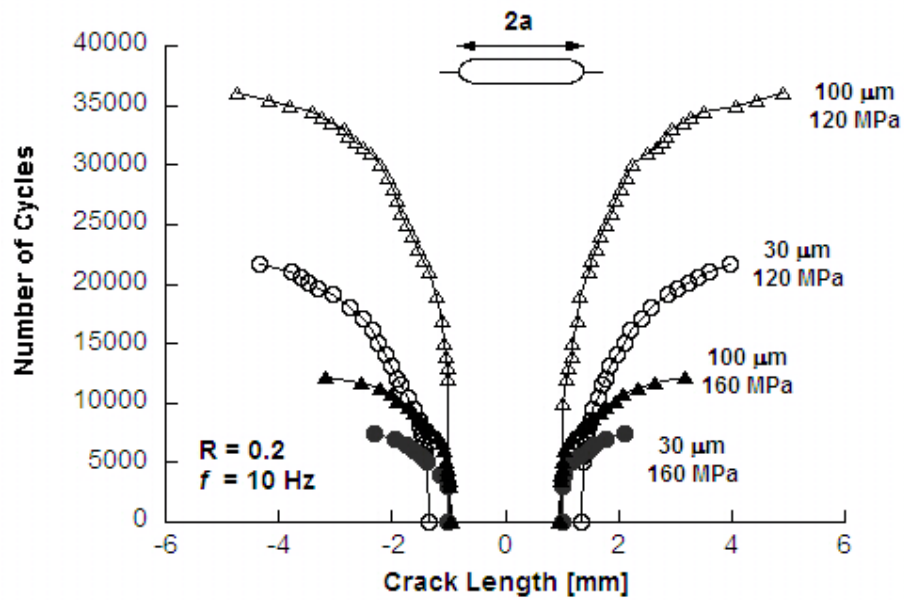


Figure 4.7: Comparison between crack lengths and cycles for 30  $\mu\text{m}$  and 100  $\mu\text{m}$  thick foils

For both stress levels examined, the 30  $\mu\text{m}$  foils show a reduction in cycles to failure of approximately 40%. One possible mechanism that may give rise to this reduction in fatigue cycles stems from the larger effect plastic zone roughening would have on crack growth resistance. Consequently, Table 4.3 and 4.4 lists estimated plastic zone size and the ratio of the plastic zone size to thickness for fatigue tested foils. The specimen ID notation in the Tables 4.3 and 4.4 uses ‘a’ to correspond to the crack growth on the right side of the center-notch and ‘b’ to correspond to crack growth on the left side of the notch. In general, the ratio of plastic zone to specimen thickness is greater for the 30  $\mu\text{m}$  thick foils than the 100  $\mu\text{m}$  or 250  $\mu\text{m}$  thick foils. The 30  $\mu\text{m}$  thick foils averaged 3.0 plastic zone size to thickness, whereas the 100  $\mu\text{m}$  and 250  $\mu\text{m}$  thick foils only averaged 1.7.

**Table 4.3: Cyclic plastic zone size calculations for 30  $\mu\text{m}$  thick foils**

ID	Thickness [ $\mu\text{m}$ ]	Loading Direction	$\sigma_y$ [MPa]	K [MPa $\sqrt{\text{m}}$ ]	$r_y$ [ $\mu\text{m}$ ]	$r_y/\text{thickness}$
1a	30	0°	308	14	84	2.8
1b	30	0°	308	15	94	3.1
2a	30	0°	308	14	77	2.6
2b	30	0°	308	13	67	2.2
3a	30	0°	308	13	72	2.4
3b	30	0°	308	14	78	2.6
4a	30	0°	308	14	80	2.7
4b	30	0°	308	15	89	3.0
5a	30	90°	265	16	142	4.7
5b	30	90°	265	15	135	4.5
6a	30	90°	265	12	88	2.9
6b	30	90°	265	14	108	3.6
7a	30	90°	265	10	57	1.9
7b	30	90°	265	12	77	2.6
8a	30	90°	265	13	89	3.0
8b	30	90°	265	12	83	2.8
<i>Average</i>						<i>3.0</i>

**Table 4.4: Cyclic plastic zone size calculations for 100  $\mu\text{m}$  and 250  $\mu\text{m}$  thick foils**

ID	Thickness [ $\mu\text{m}$ ]	Loading Direction	$\sigma_y$ [MPa]	K [MPa $\sqrt{\text{m}}$ ]	$r_y$ [ $\mu\text{m}$ ]	$r_y/\text{thickness}$
1a	100	0°	244	14	137	1.4
1b	100	0°	244	17	195	2.0
2a	100	0°	244	14	133	1.3
2b	100	0°	244	15	141	1.4
3a	100	0°	244	16	163	1.6
3b	100	0°	244	16	169	1.7
4a	100	0°	244	16	170	1.7
4b	100	0°	244	16	161	1.6
5a	100	0°	244	19	229	2.3
5b	100	0°	244	17	197	2.0
6a	100	0°	244	16	174	1.7
6b	100	0°	244	16	174	1.7
7a	250	0°	170	11	155	1.6
7b	250	0°	170	10	143	1.8
<i>Average 100 <math>\mu\text{m}</math></i>						<i>1.7</i>

Figures 4.9 through 4.11 illustrate this relationship for the 100  $\mu\text{m}$  foils at 90, 120 and 160 MPa; and Figure 4.8 for 250  $\mu\text{m}$  thick foils at 70 MPa. Figures 4.12 and 4.13 show the crack growth rate ( $da/dN$ ) versus stress intensity range ( $\Delta K$ ) for 30  $\mu\text{m}$  longitudinal and transverse specimens tested at maximum stresses of 120 and 160 MPa. For all specimens, orientations and stress levels examined, the crack growth data fits a Paris relationship (Eq. 1).

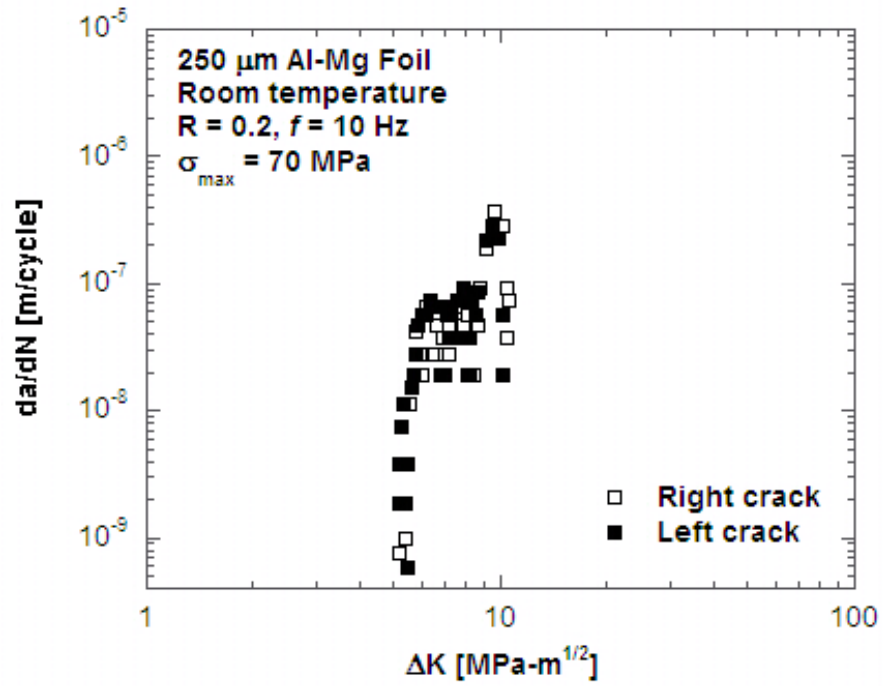


Figure 4.8: Fatigue crack growth for 250  $\mu\text{m}$  thick foil at 70 MPa

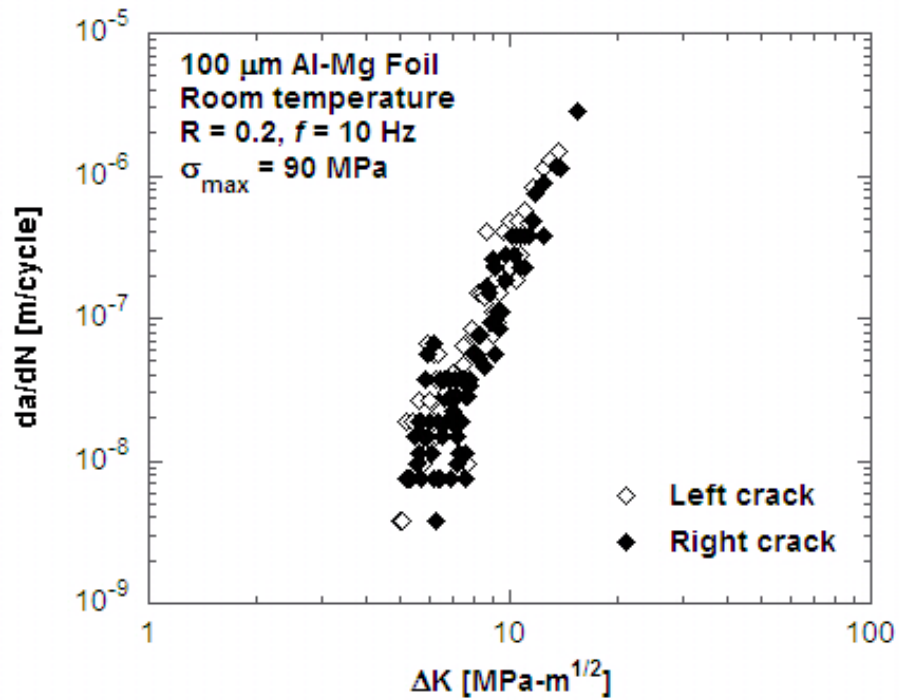


Figure 4.9: Fatigue crack growth for 100  $\mu\text{m}$  thick foils at 90 MPa

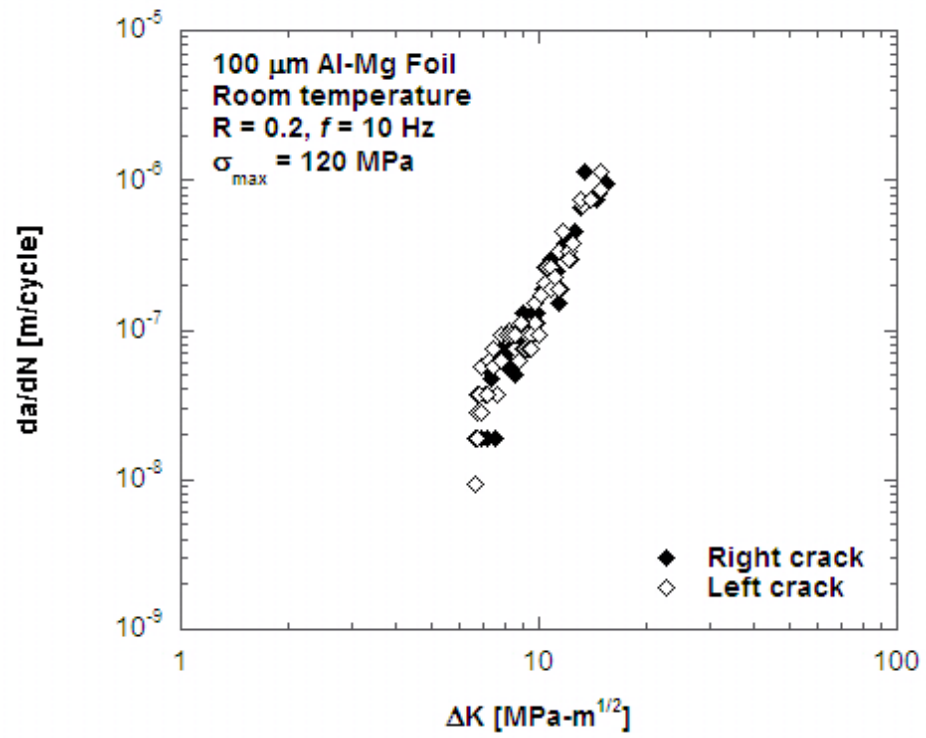


Figure 4.10: Fatigue crack growth for 100  $\mu\text{m}$  thick foils at 120 MPa

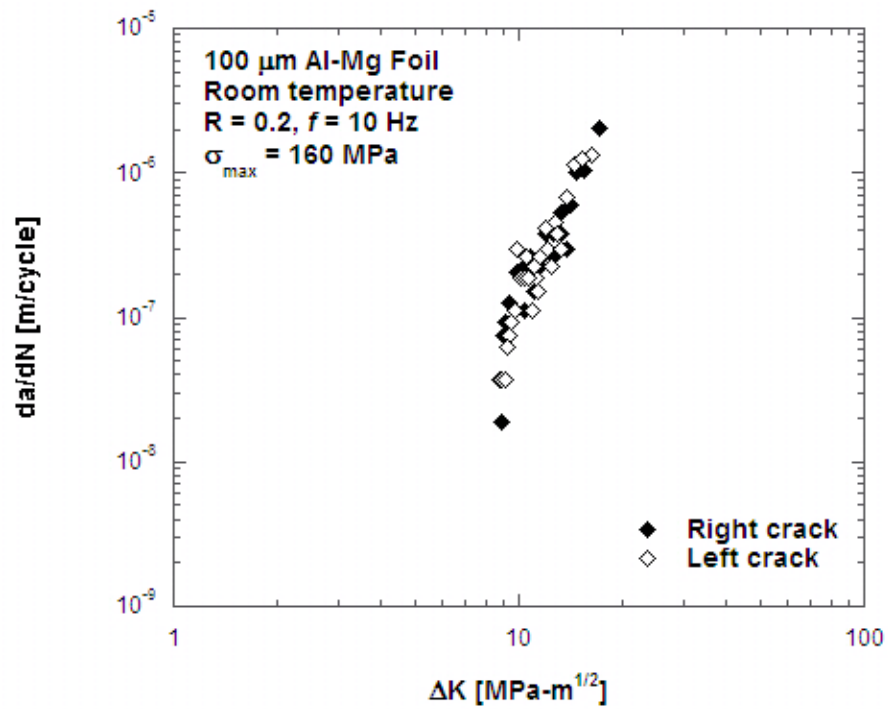


Figure 4.11: Fatigue crack growth for 100  $\mu\text{m}$  thick foils at 160 MPa

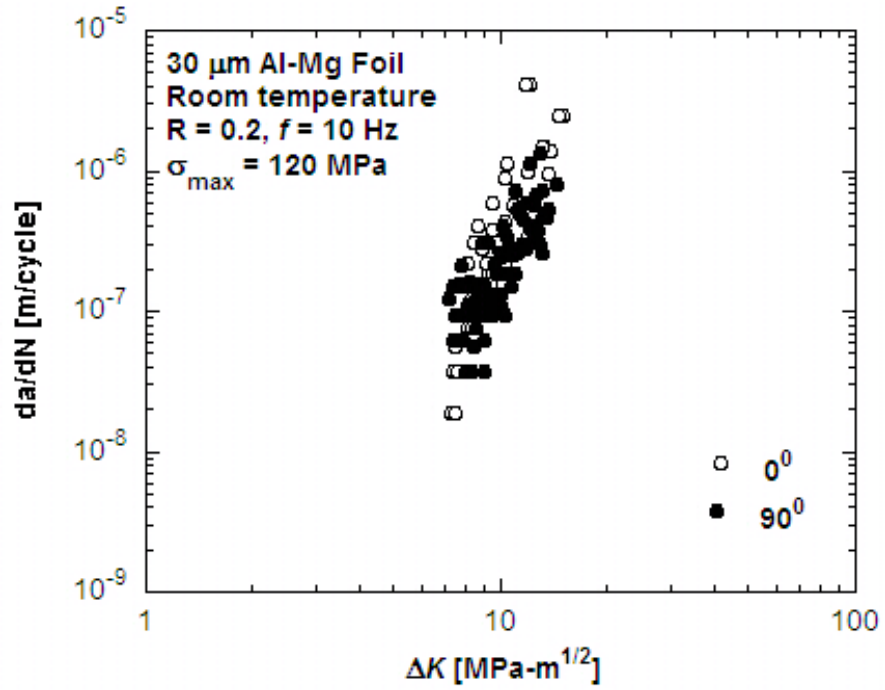


Figure 4.12: Fatigue crack growth for 30  $\mu\text{m}$  thick foils at 120 MPa

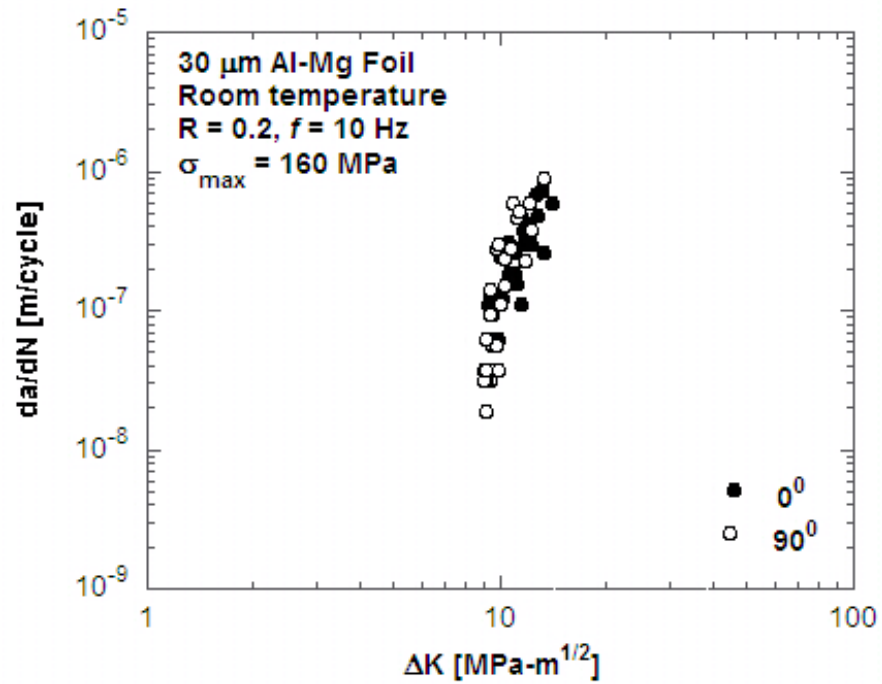
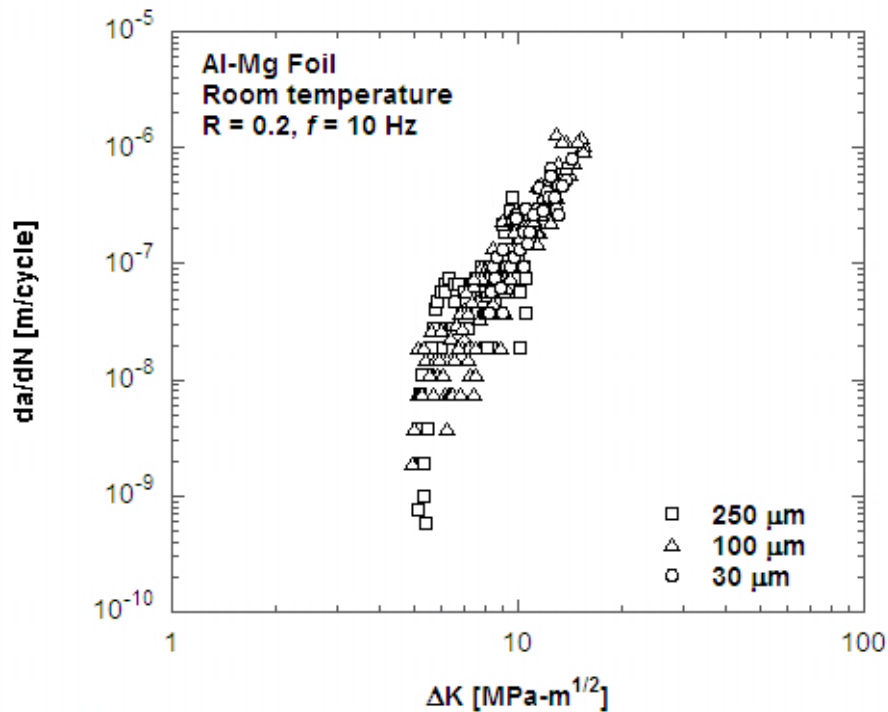


Figure 4.13: Fatigue crack growth for 30  $\mu\text{m}$  thick foils at 160 MPa

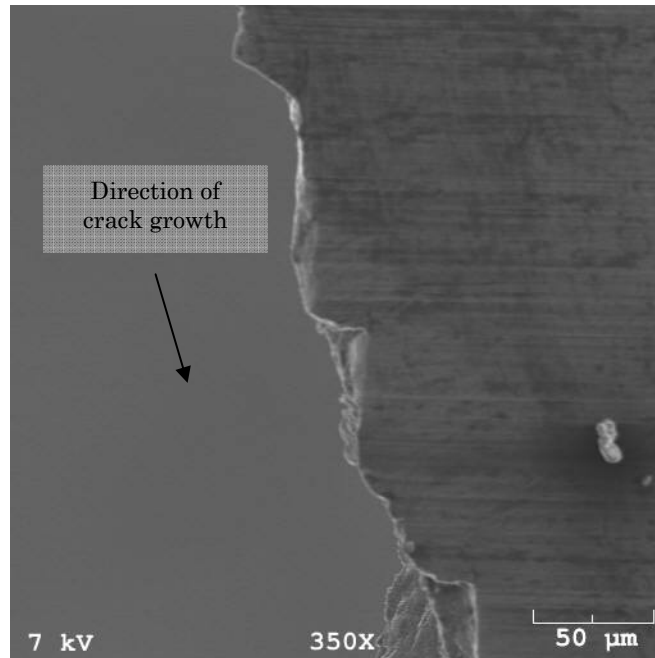
For the 30  $\mu\text{m}$  specimens (Figures 4.12 and 4.13), loading orientation had no significant influence on crack growth rate. At the two stress levels examined, the crack growth rate exponent,  $m$ , consistently remained in the range of 4 to 6. Figure 4.14 illustrates crack growth rate data for all specimen examined. The resulting data trends are similar for all thicknesses. A threshold region,  $\Delta K_{th}$ , becomes apparent around 5 and 7  $\text{MPa}\sqrt{\text{m}}$  for the 100  $\mu\text{m}$  and 250  $\mu\text{m}$  foils ( $da/dN < 10^{-8}$  m/cycle). There is a change in slope at approximately 8  $\text{MPa}\sqrt{\text{m}}$  for the 30  $\mu\text{m}$ , however, additional tests at lower levels would be required to determine the existence of a threshold region for crack growth.



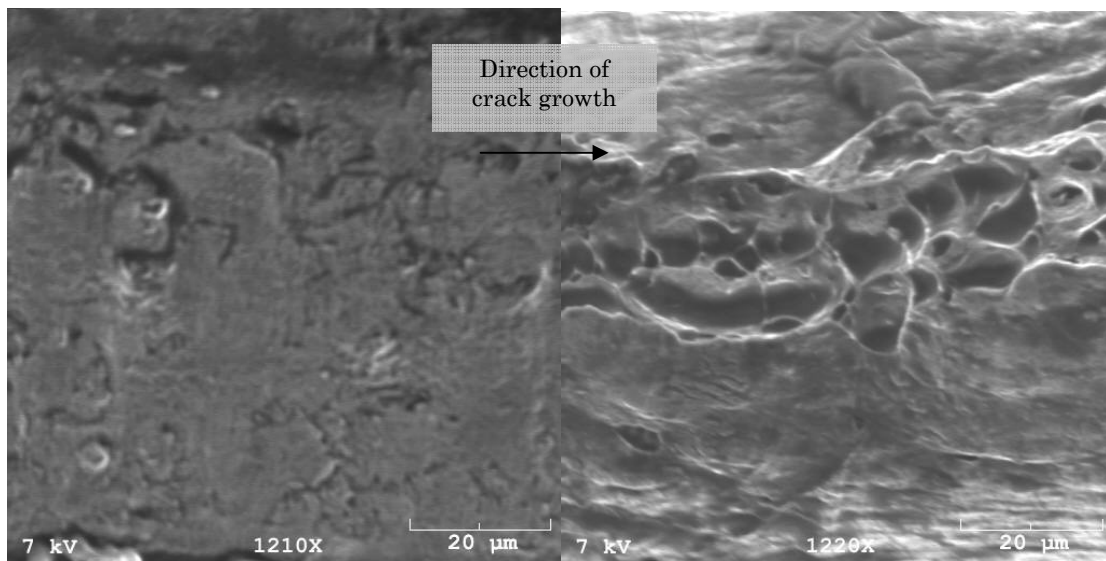
**Figure 4.14: Fatigue crack growth for all foil thicknesses examined**

SEM investigations of the fatigue fracture surface both near and far from the notch are shown in Figures 4.15 through 4.17 for all foil thicknesses. The 250  $\mu\text{m}$  thick foil exhibited a ‘stair-step’ behavior characteristic of brittle fracture. Additional SEM micrographs can be found in Appendix D.

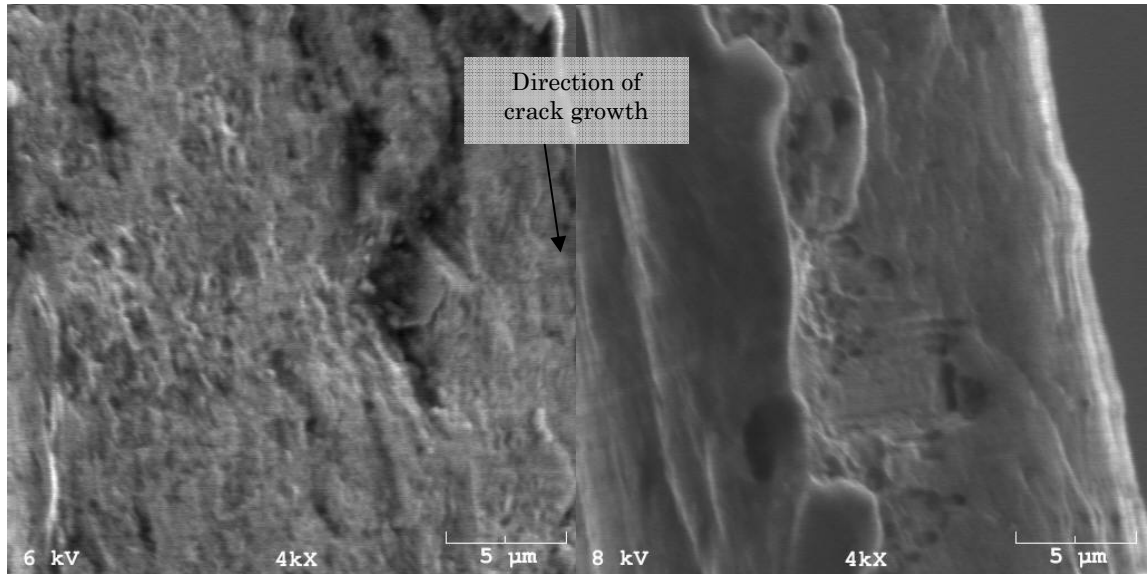




**Figure 4.15: SEM micrograph of 250  $\mu\text{m}$  thick foil fracture surface exhibiting 'stair-step' behavior**



**Figure 4.16: SEM micrographs of 100  $\mu\text{m}$  thick foil fracture surface (*left*) near notched region (*right*) far from notched region**



**Figure 4.17: SEM micrographs of 30  $\mu\text{m}$  thick foil (longitudinally loaded) fracture surface (left) near notched region (right) far from the notched region**

Tables 4.4 and 4.5 compare values for the Paris relation constants ( $C$  and  $m$ ) for each thickness tested. The specimen ID notation uses ‘a’ to represent the crack growth on the right side of the center-notch of a specimen, and ‘b’ to represent the crack growth on the left side of the notch. Typical Al alloys have  $C$  values around  $10^{-12}$  and  $m$  values between about 3 and 4 [10]. Although the test average  $C$  values are in the same order of magnitude as literature values, it appears that crack growth rates are unstable in the foil regime, leading to rapid crack propagation and failure at lower loads. It should be noted that in the 250  $\mu\text{m}$  thick foil case, the cracks arrested. Additionally, the crack on the right side of the notch of specimen 7 resulted in an unusually high  $m$  value, however this specimen most likely contained data that fell into Region III or unstable rapid crack propagation just before failure, causing exceptionally high fatigue crack growth values and is thereby left out of the averaged value. Again, the plastic zone size in comparison to the specimen thickness may be the critical crack growth mechanism. The cyclic plastic zone size estimations are found for 30  $\mu\text{m}$  thick in Table 4.3 and for 100 and 250  $\mu\text{m}$  thick in Table 4.4. The plastic zone size ranged from approximately 130 to 470% of the total specimen thickness, generally increasing as specimen thickness decreased.

**Table 4.5: Fatigue test conditions and Paris relation constants for 30  $\mu\text{m}$  thick foil**

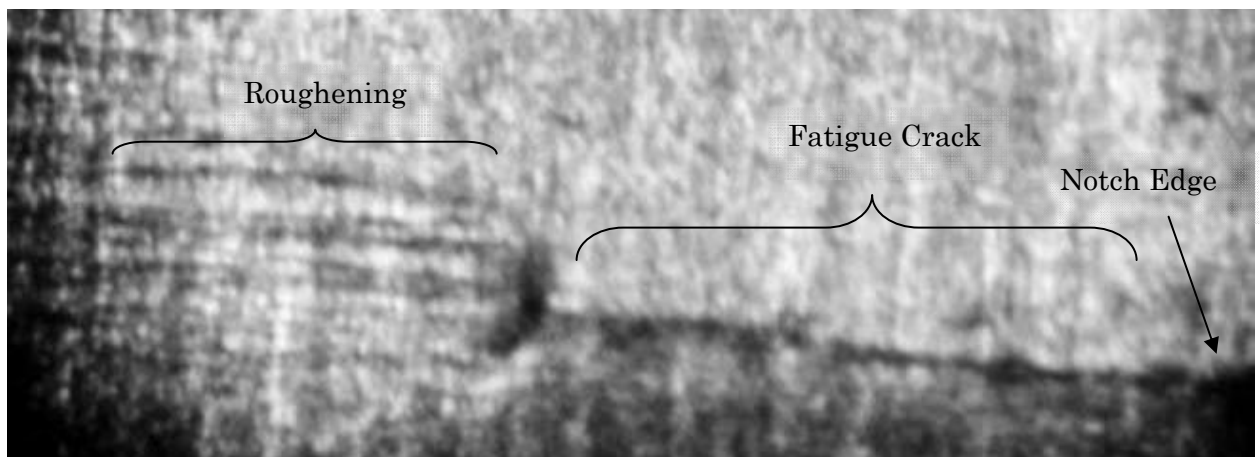
ID	Thickness [ $\mu\text{m}$ ]	Loading Direction	$\Delta K_{\min}$ [MPa- $\sqrt{\text{m}}$ ]	$\Delta K_{\max}$ [MPa- $\sqrt{\text{m}}$ ]	$\Delta \sigma_{\min}$ [MPa]	$\Delta \sigma_{\max}$ [MPa]	Paris relation constants		$N_T$ [x1000]	$R^2$ [%]
							C	$m$		
1a	30	0°	8	14	24	120	1E-12	5.1	22	96
1b	30	0°	8	14	24	120	3E-12	4.7	22	88
2a	30	0°	7	13	23	120	2E-11	4.3	24	78
2b	30	0°	7	12	23	120	2E-11	4.1	24	79
3a	30	0°	9	13	32	160	2E-12	5.0	8	84
3b	30	0°	9	13	32	160	5E-12	4.6	8	67
4a	30	0°	10	13	33	160	5E-16	8.2	9	76
4b	30	0°	10	14	33	160	1E-11	4.0	9	98
5a	30	90°	8	15	24	120	2E-12	5.4	6	86
5b	30	90°	8	15	24	120	5E-12	5.0	6	58
6a	30	90°	7	12	24	120	6E-13	5.7	21	88
6b	30	90°	7	12	24	120	8E-13	5.5	21	84
7a	30	90°	9	10	33	160	2E-35	29	7	81
7b	30	90°	9	11	33	160	2E-16	8.9	7	85
8a	30	90°	9	12	32	160	7E-17	9.1	10	86
8b	30	90°	9	13	32	160	2E-17	9.6	10	79
Average 30 $\mu\text{m}$		0°	8.5	13.25	28	140	8E-12	5.0		
Average 30 $\mu\text{m}$		90°	8.25	12.5	28.25	140	1E-12	7.0		

**Table 4.6: Fatigue test conditions and Paris relation constants for 100  $\mu\text{m}$  and 250  $\mu\text{m}$  thick foils**

ID	Thickness [ $\mu\text{m}$ ]	Loading Direction	$\Delta K_{\min}$ [MPa- $\sqrt{\text{m}}$ ]	$\Delta K_{\max}$ [MPa- $\sqrt{\text{m}}$ ]	$\Delta \sigma_{\min}$ [MPa]	$\Delta \sigma_{\max}$ [MPa]	Paris relation constants		$N_T$ [x1000]	$R^2$ [%]
							C	$m$		
1a	100	0°	5	14	19	90	2E-12	5.1	82	87
1b	100	0°	5	15	19	90	3E-13	5.9	82	81
2a	100	0°	5	13	20	90	2E-12	5.0	474	95
2b	100	0°	5	14	20	90	3E-14	6.6	474	93
3a	100	0°	7	15	24	120	2E-11	4.0	45	91
3b	100	0°	7	15	24	120	1E-11	4.1	45	93
4a	100	0°	7	15	24	120	3E-12	4.6	37	89
4b	100	0°	7	15	24	120	7E-12	4.4	37	92
5a	100	0°	9	17	32	160	2E-12	4.8	11	89
5b	100	0°	9	16	32	160	2E-14	4.7	11	87
6a	100	0°	9	15	30	160	1E-13	5.9	13	85
6b	100	0°	9	15	30	160	3E-13	5.6	13	80
7a*	250	0°	2	11	16	70	1E-9	5.1	320	57
7b*	250	0°	2	10	16	70	2E-9	5.0	320	50
Average 100 $\mu\text{m}$			7	14	25	123	4E-12	5.0		

\* crack arrested

The mechanisms responsible for these high crack growth rates are not yet fully understood. One possibility could be the formation of a large plastic zone ahead of the crack tip during cycling, resulting in plastic thinning ahead of the crack tip. However, direct examination of the fracture surface in the SEM showed no evidence of plastic thinning. Another possible mechanism is surface roughening ahead of the growing crack. For thick materials, surface roughening would affect only the near-surface regions and although it could promote crack initiation, it would have a smaller influence on overall fatigue life. Conversely for foils, roughening would consume a larger percentage of the cross section; therefore even minor surface roughening on the surface of a foil specimen could have a significant influence on crack growth behavior. It should be noted that at the lowest stress examined for the 250  $\mu\text{m}$  thick foil, 70 MPa, the crack arrested as shown in Figure 4.18.



**Figure 4.18: Photomicrography of crack arresting on 250  $\mu\text{m}$  foil fatigued at 70 MPa**

## CHAPTER 5

### CONCLUDING REMARKS

#### *5.1 Conclusions*

Based on experimental results obtained from room temperature monotonic tensile, fracture toughness and fatigue crack growth testing of 30  $\mu\text{m}$ , 100  $\mu\text{m}$  and 250  $\mu\text{m}$  thick Al-Mg foils, the following conclusions can be made.

1. Typical tensile strengths for the foils were approximately 300 MPa to 350 MPa. The foils showed limited ductility during monotonic tensile testing, with nominal failure strains below 4% for all thicknesses examined. There was absence of necking at failure for all specimens.
2. In all cases, fracture toughness of the foil specimens was lower than the plane strain fracture toughness of similar aluminum alloys. Additionally, for the range of thicknesses examined fracture toughness was not influenced by specimen thickness. The fracture toughness of the foils studied ranged between 13 and 17  $\text{MPa}\sqrt{\text{m}}$ . The fracture surface was flat, indicative of a low toughness material tested under plane stress conditions.
3. For all foil thicknesses, the fatigue crack growth data could be modeled by a Paris relationship between fatigue crack growth rate and the stress intensity range. For all foil thicknesses, the crack growth rate exponents were higher, consistently averaging between 5 and 7, than what is commonly observed for Mode I crack growth in aluminum alloys with greater thickness.

4. For the 30  $\mu\text{m}$  thick foils, there was no apparent influence of orientation on crack growth rate as can be seen by the similarity in test results of longitudinal and transverse specimen loading.
5. Potential mechanisms influencing the high fatigue crack growth rates in thin metallic foils include: loss of constraint, low fracture toughness, the formation of a large plastic zone ahead of the crack tip, and possible surface roughening within the plastic zone (a through-thickness effect for thin foils).

## 5.2 *Recommendations*

From the high fatigue crack growth rates determined in this analysis, coupled with the previously established high fatigue crack growth rates in nickel-base alloys [30], the effect of thickness on the fatigue crack growth of foils is apparent. Further investigation is needed to thoroughly examine the entire foil regime and characterize the thickness effect; however this thesis begins to illuminate a significant and relatively unexplored concern that arises in numerous engineering applications.

The most evident next step for aerospace structures would be to examine these foils as part of a honeycomb sandwich and determine the fatigue and fracture characteristic differences with additional core through-thickness and material. Additionally, factors such as material processing, grain structure and thermal effects need to be considered to fully understand and expand on this phenomenon. If indeed the thickness effect is inherent to the foil geometry and thereby unavoidable, design workarounds must be established.

In the case of foil facesheets used in thermal protection systems, one idea would be to force the core of the honeycomb structure to play a role in deterring crack growth. Two potential ways to do this would be to either impregnate the honeycomb core with an intrinsically ductile material, or create stronger, thicker

ribbon joints for the cracks to encounter. Nonetheless, the potential of thin metallic films and foils in practical engineering applications is immense given the understanding that fatigue and fracture concerns are a function of the material thickness.

# APPENDIX A

## TENSILE TESTS

Specimen ID: Al-Mg-30-14-L

Loading: Longitudinal

Thickness: 30  $\mu\text{m}$

Width: 12.24 mm

Gauge Length: 66.5 mm

Loading Rate: 0.015 kN/s

Load [kN]	$\delta$ [mm]	Load [kN]	$\delta$ [mm]	Load [kN]	$\delta$ [mm]	Load [kN]	$\delta$ [mm]	Load [kN]	$\delta$ [mm]
0.0177	0	0.0429	0.0695	0.0792	0.1763	0.1123	0.2903	0.1167	0.7717
0.0178	1E-04	0.0438	0.0727	0.0802	0.1792	0.1126	0.2938	0.117	0.793
0.0179	-0.0003	0.0448	0.0753	0.0813	0.1826	0.1126	0.2977	0.117	0.8154
0.0177	-1E-04	0.0458	0.0778	0.0822	0.1853	0.1128	0.303	0.1172	0.8375
0.0175	-1E-04	0.0468	0.0806	0.0831	0.1877	0.113	0.3084	0.1174	0.8633
0.0179	0.0004	0.0478	0.0835	0.0841	0.1911	0.1131	0.3144	0.1171	0.8865
0.0176	0.0003	0.0485	0.0858	0.0851	0.1941	0.1133	0.3203	0.1174	0.9112
0.0178	0.0002	0.0494	0.0886	0.086	0.1967	0.1135	0.3265		
0.0182	0.0017	0.0505	0.092	0.0869	0.1996	0.1136	0.3335		
0.0188	0.0017	0.0515	0.0941	0.0877	0.202	0.1138	0.3403		
0.0193	0.0031	0.0524	0.097	0.0886	0.2048	0.1141	0.3479		
0.0199	0.005	0.0534	0.1001	0.0896	0.2076	0.114	0.3538		
0.0205	0.0066	0.0544	0.1032	0.0906	0.2101	0.1144	0.3628		
0.0212	0.0084	0.0555	0.106	0.0915	0.2139	0.1145	0.3712		
0.0219	0.0101	0.0564	0.1089	0.0925	0.2161	0.1146	0.3804		
0.0227	0.0123	0.0573	0.1115	0.0935	0.2191	0.1148	0.3901		
0.0235	0.014	0.0583	0.114	0.0945	0.2223	0.115	0.4		
0.0242	0.0165	0.0593	0.1173	0.0955	0.226	0.1151	0.4106		
0.0248	0.0183	0.0603	0.1195	0.0965	0.2285	0.1152	0.4212		
0.0257	0.0208	0.0612	0.1229	0.0974	0.231	0.1153	0.4326		
0.0264	0.0229	0.0619	0.1249	0.0984	0.2342	0.1153	0.4442		
0.0273	0.025	0.0629	0.1276	0.0993	0.2368	0.1154	0.4569		
0.0281	0.0273	0.0639	0.1309	0.1	0.2389	0.1156	0.4699		
0.0289	0.0299	0.0649	0.1334	0.101	0.2425	0.1156	0.4835		
0.0299	0.0322	0.066	0.1362	0.1019	0.2448	0.1161	0.4969		
0.0308	0.0349	0.067	0.1391	0.1028	0.248	0.1159	0.5074		
0.0317	0.037	0.0679	0.1423	0.1038	0.2509	0.1161	0.5215		
0.0325	0.04	0.0689	0.1448	0.1047	0.2543	0.116	0.536		
0.0334	0.0425	0.0698	0.1487	0.1056	0.2567	0.116	0.5528		
0.0345	0.0449	0.0708	0.1513	0.1065	0.26	0.1162	0.5683		
0.0355	0.048	0.0718	0.1544	0.1074	0.2633	0.1161	0.5857		
0.0362	0.0498	0.0728	0.1569	0.1082	0.2659	0.1162	0.6023		
0.0372	0.0533	0.0737	0.1595	0.1091	0.2693	0.1163	0.6197		
0.038	0.0556	0.0747	0.1631	0.1098	0.272	0.1163	0.6384		
0.0391	0.0575	0.0755	0.1646	0.1105	0.2755	0.1163	0.6571		
0.04	0.0609	0.0763	0.1675	0.1111	0.2794	0.1164	0.6759		
0.0409	0.0632	0.0774	0.1704	0.1115	0.2818	0.1166	0.6949		
0.0419	0.0669	0.0782	0.174	0.112	0.2863	0.1165	0.7149		



Specimen ID: Al-Mg-30-15-T  
 Loading: Transverse  
 Thickness: 30  $\mu\text{m}$   
 Width: 12.92 mm  
 Gauge Length: 66.71 mm  
 Loading Rate: 0.015 kN/s

Load [kN]	$\delta$ [mm]	Load [kN]	$\delta$ [mm]	Load [kN]	$\delta$ [mm]	Load [kN]	$\delta$ [mm]	Load [kN]	$\delta$ [mm]
0.0191	0	0.0399	0.0515	0.0644	0.114	0.0883	0.1791	0.1099	0.2576
0.0194	0.0003	0.0406	0.0536	0.0651	0.1164	0.089	0.1815	0.1104	0.26
0.0197	0.0018	0.0413	0.0547	0.0658	0.1182	0.0894	0.183	0.111	0.2636
0.02	0.0021	0.042	0.0565	0.0664	0.1206	0.09	0.1845	0.1114	0.2654
0.0203	0.003	0.0426	0.0586	0.067	0.1218	0.0908	0.1857	0.1119	0.2672
0.0207	0.0042	0.0432	0.0601	0.0678	0.1233	0.0913	0.1878	0.1124	0.2702
0.0212	0.0042	0.0437	0.0616	0.0682	0.1248	0.0919	0.1908	0.1129	0.2729
0.0217	0.0054	0.0445	0.0637	0.0689	0.1263	0.0923	0.1908	0.1134	0.2762
0.0221	0.0065	0.0452	0.0649	0.0696	0.1278	0.0929	0.1926	0.1139	0.2789
0.0224	0.0068	0.0458	0.0669	0.0702	0.1296	0.0936	0.1945	0.1143	0.2819
0.023	0.0092	0.0465	0.0687	0.0709	0.1311	0.0942	0.1969	0.1149	0.2855
0.0235	0.0098	0.0472	0.0702	0.0716	0.1329	0.0948	0.199	0.1153	0.2883
0.024	0.011	0.0477	0.0717	0.0721	0.135	0.0954	0.2005	0.1158	0.2916
0.0245	0.0134	0.0484	0.0735	0.0727	0.1365	0.0959	0.2023	0.1163	0.2955
0.0252	0.014	0.049	0.0753	0.0733	0.1389	0.0965	0.2035	0.1167	0.2988
0.0256	0.0155	0.0497	0.0768	0.0739	0.1401	0.0972	0.2053	0.1172	0.3015
0.0262	0.0182	0.0502	0.0782	0.0747	0.1419	0.0978	0.2077	0.1177	0.3051
0.0269	0.0185	0.051	0.08	0.0751	0.1431	0.0984	0.2098	0.118	0.3091
0.0274	0.02	0.0516	0.0809	0.0758	0.1446	0.099	0.2119	0.1185	0.3127
0.0281	0.0215	0.0522	0.0839	0.0764	0.1461	0.0994	0.2138	0.1189	0.3172
0.0286	0.023	0.0529	0.0854	0.0771	0.1482	0.1	0.2159	0.1193	0.3199
0.0292	0.0236	0.0536	0.0866	0.0777	0.1497	0.1007	0.2183	0.1197	0.3242
0.0298	0.0257	0.0541	0.0881	0.0784	0.1515	0.1012	0.2201	0.1201	0.3284
0.0305	0.0275	0.0548	0.0899	0.0789	0.1533	0.1017	0.2225	0.1204	0.3323
0.0311	0.0293	0.0555	0.0919	0.0796	0.1551	0.1022	0.2237	0.1209	0.3372
0.0317	0.0304	0.0561	0.0934	0.0802	0.1569	0.1028	0.2255	0.1212	0.3411
0.0322	0.0322	0.0568	0.0946	0.0808	0.1581	0.1034	0.2283	0.1215	0.3454
0.033	0.034	0.0574	0.0964	0.0815	0.1602	0.104	0.2306	0.1219	0.3502
0.0336	0.0349	0.0581	0.0979	0.0822	0.162	0.1046	0.2327	0.1223	0.3554
0.0343	0.0364	0.0586	0.1003	0.0826	0.1635	0.1051	0.236	0.1226	0.3605
0.0349	0.0388	0.0593	0.1027	0.0833	0.1647	0.1055	0.2372	0.1231	0.3657
0.0355	0.0397	0.06	0.103	0.0839	0.168	0.1062	0.2399	0.1233	0.3696
0.0362	0.0418	0.0606	0.1054	0.0845	0.1683	0.1068	0.2429	0.1236	0.3748
0.0368	0.0433	0.0611	0.1066	0.0853	0.1707	0.1074	0.2447	0.1239	0.3809
0.0374	0.0461	0.0618	0.1081	0.0856	0.1719	0.1079	0.2471	0.1242	0.3858
0.0381	0.047	0.0625	0.1093	0.0863	0.1737	0.1084	0.2504	0.1245	0.3918
0.0387	0.0488	0.0632	0.1113	0.0871	0.1752	0.1089	0.2522	0.1248	0.3979
0.0393	0.05	0.0638	0.1131	0.0877	0.1776	0.1094	0.2549	0.125	0.4025

Specimen ID: Al-Mg-30-15-T  
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Load [kN]	$\delta$ [mm]	Load [kN]	$\delta$ [mm]
0.1254	0.4089	0.1307	0.804
0.1256	0.4156	0.1309	0.821
0.1258	0.422	0.1309	0.8373
0.1261	0.4292	0.131	0.855
0.1264	0.4344	0.1308	0.8721
0.1264	0.4413	0.131	0.8898
0.1268	0.4495	0.1309	0.9038
0.127	0.4565	0.1309	0.9213
0.1272	0.4644	0.131	0.94
0.1274	0.4723	0.1309	0.9591
0.1276	0.4781	0.131	0.9784
0.1277	0.4866	0.1311	0.9933
0.1279	0.4948	0.1311	1.0129
0.1281	0.5034	0.1312	1.0326
0.1282	0.5128	0.1311	1.0533
0.1284	0.5214	0.1312	1.073
0.1285	0.5293	0.1311	1.096
0.1287	0.5388	0.1312	1.1127
0.1288	0.5483	0.1313	1.1338
0.1289	0.5581	0.1314	1.1559
0.1291	0.5692	0.1313	1.1783
0.1292	0.5787	0.1315	1.201
0.1293	0.5904	0.1315	1.2246
0.1294	0.6019	0.1315	1.242
0.1296	0.6138	0.1314	1.2658
0.1297	0.626	0.1316	1.2899
0.1297	0.6395	0.1317	1.3134
0.1299	0.649	0.1316	1.3389
0.13	0.6619	0.1324	1.358
0.1301	0.6742	0.1328	1.3834
0.1302	0.688	0.1324	1.4091
0.1302	0.7019	0.1323	1.4353
0.1303	0.7164	0.1322	1.4618
0.1304	0.7288	0.1325	1.4913
0.1304	0.7433	0.1324	1.5122
0.1306	0.7591	0.1323	1.5405
0.1306	0.7743	0.1323	1.5689
0.1306	0.7904	0.1325	1.5985
		0.1326	1.6262
		0.1331	1.6565

Specimen ID: Al-Mg-100-13  
Loading: Longitudinal  
Thickness: 100  $\mu\text{m}$   
Width: 13.5 mm  
Gauge Length: 67.85 mm  
Loading Rate: 0.015 kN/s

Load [kN]	$\delta$ [mm]	Load [kN]	$\delta$ [mm]	Load [kN]	$\delta$ [mm]	Load [kN]	$\delta$ [mm]	Load [kN]	$\delta$ [mm]
0.0193	0	0.0537	0.0298	0.0885	0.0601	0.1234	0.092	0.1583	0.1241
0.0199	0.0003	0.0546	0.03	0.0894	0.0614	0.1243	0.0932	0.1593	0.1247
0.0208	0.0011	0.0555	0.0311	0.0902	0.0618	0.1253	0.094	0.1602	0.1255
0.0216	0.0015	0.0566	0.032	0.0913	0.0623	0.1263	0.0941	0.1611	0.1271
0.0226	0.0023	0.0572	0.0328	0.0922	0.0637	0.1272	0.0954	0.1621	0.1271
0.0232	0.0025	0.0581	0.0333	0.0932	0.0644	0.1281	0.096	0.1627	0.128
0.024	0.0038	0.059	0.034	0.094	0.0653	0.1292	0.0968	0.1638	0.1294
0.0249	0.0042	0.06	0.0352	0.0951	0.0661	0.1301	0.0981	0.1646	0.1298
0.0259	0.0052	0.0608	0.0354	0.0959	0.0668	0.1308	0.0988	0.1656	0.1306
0.0268	0.0059	0.0619	0.0361	0.0969	0.0682	0.1316	0.0992	0.1665	0.1315
0.0277	0.0065	0.0628	0.0374	0.0978	0.0689	0.1325	0.1002	0.1675	0.1323
0.0286	0.0071	0.0639	0.0388	0.0988	0.0698	0.1335	0.1006	0.1684	0.1329
0.0296	0.0078	0.0647	0.0388	0.0995	0.0701	0.1344	0.1019	0.1693	0.134
0.0305	0.009	0.0657	0.0397	0.1003	0.0714	0.1354	0.1025	0.1703	0.1351
0.0315	0.0096	0.0664	0.0404	0.1014	0.0713	0.1362	0.1036	0.1711	0.1357
0.0325	0.0104	0.0673	0.0419	0.1023	0.0724	0.1372	0.1047	0.1722	0.1358
0.0332	0.0117	0.0683	0.0424	0.1032	0.0734	0.1382	0.1053	0.1727	0.137
0.034	0.0122	0.0692	0.0429	0.1041	0.0743	0.1392	0.1065	0.1737	0.1379
0.035	0.0131	0.0702	0.0438	0.1051	0.0755	0.1401	0.1073	0.1746	0.1387
0.0359	0.0137	0.071	0.0445	0.1059	0.0762	0.1409	0.108	0.1756	0.14
0.0368	0.0145	0.0721	0.046	0.1069	0.077	0.1417	0.1084	0.1765	0.1405
0.0377	0.0153	0.0729	0.0466	0.108	0.0777	0.1426	0.1091	0.1776	0.1417
0.0387	0.0163	0.074	0.0474	0.1089	0.0789	0.1436	0.11	0.1785	0.1426
0.0396	0.0176	0.0748	0.0478	0.1095	0.0795	0.1445	0.1108	0.1793	0.1434
0.0407	0.018	0.0757	0.0491	0.1105	0.0799	0.1455	0.1118	0.1804	0.1447
0.0414	0.0187	0.0767	0.0497	0.1115	0.0813	0.1463	0.1127	0.1813	0.1449
0.0425	0.019	0.0773	0.0507	0.1124	0.0819	0.1473	0.1137	0.1822	0.1461
0.0435	0.0201	0.0784	0.0512	0.1134	0.0826	0.1483	0.1147	0.1831	0.1464
0.0442	0.0206	0.0794	0.0525	0.1144	0.0836	0.1492	0.1156	0.1841	0.1474
0.0449	0.022	0.0802	0.0528	0.1152	0.0847	0.1502	0.116	0.1847	0.1487
0.0461	0.0226	0.0813	0.0535	0.1162	0.0856	0.1511	0.1172	0.1856	0.1494
0.047	0.024	0.0822	0.0545	0.1172	0.0861	0.1521	0.118	0.1866	0.1498
0.048	0.0242	0.083	0.0564	0.118	0.0874	0.1527	0.1188	0.1875	0.1508
0.0488	0.0256	0.084	0.0557	0.1191	0.0876	0.1537	0.1193	0.1886	0.1518
0.0498	0.0259	0.0851	0.0569	0.12	0.0889	0.1546	0.1208	0.1894	0.1528
0.0507	0.0265	0.0858	0.0581	0.1207	0.0895	0.1554	0.1216	0.1903	0.1542
0.0518	0.0282	0.0868	0.0586	0.1215	0.0908	0.1565	0.1224	0.1914	0.1539
0.0527	0.0289	0.0878	0.0602	0.1226	0.0911	0.1574	0.123	0.1921	0.1551

Specimen ID: Al-Mg-100-13  
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Load [kN]	$\delta$ [mm]	Load [kN]	$\delta$ [mm]	Load [kN]	$\delta$ [mm]	Load [kN]	$\delta$ [mm]	Load [kN]	$\delta$ [mm]
0.1931	0.1559	0.2276	0.1889	0.2622	0.2228	0.2969	0.2595	0.3306	0.306
0.194	0.1568	0.2286	0.1893	0.2633	0.2241	0.2977	0.2606	0.3315	0.3072
0.1948	0.1577	0.2295	0.1899	0.2643	0.2244	0.2987	0.2617	0.3323	0.3089
0.1957	0.1585	0.2303	0.1914	0.2651	0.225	0.2994	0.2622	0.3333	0.31
0.1966	0.1593	0.2313	0.192	0.266	0.2265	0.3003	0.2637	0.3342	0.3114
0.1976	0.1601	0.2323	0.193	0.2667	0.2273	0.3011	0.2641	0.335	0.3136
0.1984	0.1615	0.2332	0.1942	0.2676	0.2285	0.3021	0.2657	0.3359	0.3151
0.1995	0.1615	0.2342	0.1947	0.2685	0.229	0.3031	0.2667	0.3369	0.3171
0.2003	0.1619	0.235	0.196	0.2694	0.2301	0.3039	0.2678	0.3378	0.3181
0.2012	0.1634	0.2357	0.1959	0.2704	0.2306	0.3049	0.2689	0.3387	0.3197
0.2021	0.164	0.2368	0.1977	0.2713	0.2316	0.3059	0.2702	0.3395	0.3214
0.2031	0.1649	0.2375	0.1988	0.2722	0.2326	0.3069	0.2719	0.3404	0.3231
0.2038	0.1661	0.2385	0.1986	0.2733	0.2339	0.3078	0.2731	0.3411	0.3245
0.2047	0.1669	0.2395	0.1999	0.2741	0.2349	0.3086	0.2742	0.3419	0.3262
0.2057	0.1675	0.2403	0.2006	0.2751	0.2357	0.3095	0.2748	0.3428	0.3274
0.2067	0.1682	0.2415	0.2017	0.276	0.237	0.3103	0.2763	0.3437	0.3297
0.2075	0.169	0.2424	0.2026	0.277	0.2377	0.3111	0.2772	0.3444	0.3316
0.2086	0.1705	0.2433	0.2038	0.2779	0.239	0.312	0.2783	0.3453	0.3335
0.2095	0.171	0.2441	0.2043	0.2786	0.2392	0.313	0.2792	0.3462	0.3354
0.2104	0.1723	0.2452	0.2052	0.2795	0.2404	0.3139	0.281	0.3469	0.3376
0.2114	0.173	0.2461	0.2065	0.2804	0.2411	0.3148	0.2817	0.3479	0.339
0.2123	0.1738	0.2468	0.2068	0.2814	0.2425	0.3156	0.2833	0.3486	0.342
0.2132	0.1746	0.2476	0.2084	0.2822	0.2431	0.3166	0.2845	0.3495	0.3433
0.2142	0.1755	0.2486	0.2085	0.2832	0.2442	0.3176	0.2854	0.3502	0.3448
0.2147	0.176	0.2495	0.2092	0.2841	0.2451	0.3184	0.2874	0.3509	0.3474
0.2158	0.1772	0.2505	0.2108	0.2851	0.2462	0.3193	0.2882	0.3517	0.3495
0.2167	0.1779	0.2513	0.2118	0.2859	0.2475	0.32	0.289	0.3525	0.3517
0.2175	0.1788	0.2524	0.2131	0.2869	0.2481	0.3209	0.2907	0.3533	0.3541
0.2186	0.1792	0.2533	0.2132	0.2878	0.2493	0.3217	0.2922	0.3541	0.357
0.2195	0.1806	0.2542	0.2146	0.2886	0.2502	0.3228	0.2928	0.3548	0.3591
0.2204	0.1819	0.2551	0.2151	0.2895	0.2515	0.3237	0.2945	0.3556	0.3617
0.2214	0.1827	0.2561	0.2159	0.2904	0.2521	0.3246	0.2962	0.3563	0.3639
0.2222	0.183	0.2569	0.2171	0.2913	0.2529	0.3254	0.2977	0.357	0.3669
0.2232	0.1844	0.2577	0.2183	0.2922	0.2542	0.3263	0.2991	0.3578	0.37
0.2241	0.1849	0.2585	0.2185	0.2933	0.2551	0.3272	0.2999	0.3584	0.372
0.2249	0.1856	0.2595	0.2195	0.294	0.2562	0.3281	0.3011	0.3591	0.3755
0.2257	0.1868	0.2604	0.2206	0.2949	0.2576	0.329	0.3032	0.3598	0.3783
0.2268	0.1883	0.2613	0.2219	0.296	0.2589	0.33	0.3049	0.3605	0.3814

Specimen ID: Al-Mg-100-13  
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Load [kN]	$\delta$ [mm]	Load [kN]	$\delta$ [mm]	Load [kN]	$\delta$ [mm]
0.3612	0.385	0.3768	0.6642	0.3916	1.4119
0.3619	0.3884	0.3782	0.6793	0.3927	1.4392
0.3625	0.392	0.3774	0.6926	0.3924	1.4661
0.3632	0.3954	0.3786	0.7073	0.3936	1.4955
0.3639	0.4001	0.3782	0.7221	0.3935	1.5245
0.3646	0.4042	0.3789	0.7335	0.3931	1.5536
0.3652	0.4085	0.3779	0.7488	0.3945	1.5839
0.3658	0.4126	0.3791	0.765	0.3946	1.6142
0.3662	0.4162	0.3795	0.7816	0.395	1.6441
0.3668	0.4209	0.3802	0.7994	0.3955	1.6747
0.3675	0.4263	0.3805	0.8162	0.3954	1.7064
0.3681	0.4307	0.381	0.8347	0.3951	1.7388
0.3686	0.4366	0.3821	0.8522	0.396	1.762
0.3692	0.4418	0.3829	0.8703	0.3957	1.7946
0.3697	0.4476	0.3832	0.8887	0.3968	1.8278
0.3702	0.4528	0.3836	0.9076	0.3959	1.8616
0.3707	0.4595	0.3846	0.9262	0.3955	1.897
0.3712	0.4658	0.385	0.9399	0.3964	1.9323
0.3716	0.4727	0.3852	0.9592	0.3971	1.9673
0.3719	0.4773	0.3852	0.9797	0.3976	2.0029
0.3724	0.4842	0.3861	0.998	0.3973	2.0399
0.3726	0.4914	0.386	1.0197	0.3992	2.0767
0.3733	0.499	0.3875	1.0401	0.3981	2.103
0.3738	0.5065	0.3878	1.061		
0.3741	0.5148	0.3878	1.0823		
0.3738	0.5233	0.388	1.1024		
0.374	0.5322	0.3882	1.1191		
0.3743	0.541	0.3886	1.1412		
0.3745	0.5511	0.3898	1.164		
0.3751	0.5609	0.3899	1.1873		
0.3753	0.5714	0.3895	1.2107		
0.3753	0.5793	0.3899	1.2349		
0.3756	0.59	0.3903	1.2601		
0.3755	0.6013	0.3908	1.2847		
0.3766	0.613	0.3909	1.3106		
0.3757	0.6252	0.3912	1.3364		
0.3765	0.6377	0.3916	1.3631		
0.3771	0.651	0.3914	1.3844		

Specimen ID: Al-Mg-250-tensile-3  
Loading: Longitudinal  
Thickness: 250  $\mu\text{m}$   
Width: 3.72 mm  
Gauge Length: 42.37 mm  
Loading Rate: 0.015 kN/s

Load [kN]	$\delta$ [mm]	Load [kN]	$\delta$ [mm]	Load [kN]	$\delta$ [mm]	Load [kN]	$\delta$ [mm]	Load [kN]	$\delta$ [mm]
0.0155	0	0.0502	0.0319	0.0882	0.0699	0.1261	0.1114	0.1641	0.1582
0.0157	0.0002	0.0508	0.033	0.0892	0.071	0.1269	0.1123	0.1649	0.1597
0.0152	0.0004	0.0519	0.0339	0.0898	0.072	0.1284	0.1135	0.1661	0.1611
0.0155	0.0004	0.053	0.0353	0.0907	0.0734	0.1294	0.1151	0.1666	0.1621
0.0165	0.0008	0.0538	0.0362	0.0918	0.0739	0.1301	0.1156	0.1681	0.1637
0.0168	0.001	0.0548	0.037	0.0931	0.0757	0.1316	0.1171	0.1688	0.1652
0.018	0.0025	0.0557	0.0381	0.0945	0.0762	0.1323	0.118	0.1702	0.1665
0.0186	0.0031	0.0571	0.0386	0.0955	0.0773	0.1328	0.1191	0.1705	0.1676
0.02	0.0037	0.0576	0.0403	0.0959	0.0782	0.1338	0.1206	0.1721	0.1689
0.021	0.0053	0.0588	0.041	0.0973	0.0795	0.1355	0.1216	0.1731	0.1701
0.0214	0.0061	0.06	0.0423	0.0985	0.0802	0.1359	0.1229	0.1737	0.1719
0.0225	0.0066	0.0607	0.0427	0.0993	0.0814	0.1375	0.1241	0.1747	0.1735
0.0238	0.0076	0.0618	0.0438	0.1003	0.0824	0.1382	0.1255	0.1753	0.175
0.0247	0.0087	0.0628	0.0447	0.1009	0.0831	0.1391	0.1267	0.1766	0.1767
0.0255	0.0095	0.0642	0.046	0.1022	0.0848	0.1403	0.1273	0.1774	0.1777
0.0267	0.0104	0.0649	0.0465	0.1027	0.0852	0.1408	0.1284	0.1785	0.1792
0.0274	0.0115	0.0658	0.0474	0.1038	0.0868	0.1424	0.1299	0.18	0.1812
0.0286	0.012	0.0672	0.0483	0.1051	0.0873	0.1433	0.1311	0.1811	0.182
0.0295	0.0129	0.0681	0.0499	0.1058	0.0886	0.144	0.1324	0.1812	0.1843
0.0308	0.0133	0.069	0.0504	0.1068	0.0902	0.1457	0.1341	0.1828	0.186
0.032	0.0147	0.0702	0.0517	0.1082	0.0906	0.1462	0.1353	0.1841	0.1874
0.0322	0.0157	0.0713	0.0528	0.1091	0.0921	0.1476	0.136	0.1843	0.1887
0.0338	0.0163	0.0721	0.0537	0.1102	0.0933	0.148	0.1379	0.1857	0.1904
0.0342	0.0175	0.0731	0.0543	0.1113	0.0943	0.1494	0.1381	0.1861	0.1916
0.0358	0.0182	0.0736	0.0558	0.1124	0.0955	0.1501	0.1396	0.1878	0.1937
0.0364	0.0188	0.0745	0.0569	0.1129	0.0963	0.1506	0.1408	0.1885	0.1952
0.0379	0.02	0.0761	0.0579	0.1139	0.0976	0.1516	0.1423	0.1898	0.1966
0.0382	0.0213	0.0771	0.059	0.1155	0.0985	0.1533	0.1436	0.1904	0.1983
0.0399	0.0222	0.0783	0.0601	0.1159	0.0992	0.1542	0.1455	0.1915	0.1998
0.0403	0.0234	0.0793	0.0606	0.1173	0.1009	0.1549	0.1461	0.1927	0.2018
0.0421	0.025	0.0797	0.0617	0.1184	0.102	0.1557	0.1476	0.1939	0.2031
0.0428	0.0249	0.0813	0.0628	0.1194	0.1028	0.1573	0.1483	0.1941	0.2048
0.044	0.0258	0.0824	0.0635	0.1199	0.1042	0.1583	0.15	0.1952	0.2071
0.0443	0.0273	0.083	0.0652	0.1207	0.1062	0.1593	0.1512	0.1965	0.2082
0.0459	0.0281	0.0837	0.0657	0.1219	0.1058	0.1603	0.153	0.197	0.2096
0.047	0.0291	0.0847	0.0676	0.1233	0.1078	0.1611	0.1542	0.1986	0.2115
0.0478	0.0299	0.0864	0.0684	0.1237	0.1094	0.1619	0.1551	0.1988	0.2135
0.0484	0.0313	0.0871	0.0685	0.1249	0.1099	0.1627	0.1565	0.2005	0.2153

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Load [kN]	$\delta$ [mm]	Load [kN]	$\delta$ [mm]	Load [kN]	$\delta$ [mm]
0.2009	0.2169	0.2351	0.311	0.2622	0.5257
0.2017	0.2184	0.2363	0.3145	0.2626	0.5349
0.2031	0.221	0.2375	0.3183	0.2631	0.544
0.2043	0.2229	0.2379	0.3206	0.2642	0.5547
0.2045	0.2244	0.2386	0.3248	0.2638	0.5639
0.2063	0.2264	0.2392	0.3281	0.265	0.5748
0.2066	0.2282	0.2408	0.3321	0.265	0.5849
0.2074	0.23	0.2412	0.3366	0.2651	0.5958
0.2082	0.232	0.2424	0.3404	0.266	0.6069
0.2099	0.2345	0.2431	0.3451	0.2662	0.619
0.2099	0.2365	0.2439	0.3489	0.2672	0.6306
0.2116	0.2382	0.2441	0.3536	0.2676	0.6425
0.2125	0.2405	0.2453	0.3575	0.2669	0.6549
0.2131	0.2424	0.2463	0.3627	0.2675	0.6678
0.2137	0.245	0.2468	0.367	0.2683	0.6817
0.2151	0.2468	0.2478	0.3718	0.2688	0.6957
0.2161	0.2491	0.2483	0.3775	0.269	0.7096
0.2167	0.2515	0.2493	0.3822	0.2693	0.7241
0.218	0.2541	0.25	0.3871	0.2694	0.7388
0.2183	0.2562	0.25	0.3928	0.2699	0.755
0.2198	0.2587	0.2506	0.3975	0.2698	0.7713
0.2208	0.261	0.2514	0.4032	0.271	0.7876
0.2211	0.2634	0.2526	0.4091	0.2708	0.8054
0.2225	0.2665	0.2529	0.4153	0.2709	0.8231
0.2229	0.2689	0.2543	0.4219	0.2714	0.8407
0.2244	0.2709	0.2544	0.4277	0.2708	0.8588
0.2246	0.2747	0.2549	0.4339	0.2713	0.8777
0.2262	0.277	0.256	0.441	0.2721	0.8968
0.2271	0.2793	0.2567	0.4465	0.27	0.9167
0.2277	0.2823	0.2571	0.4532		
0.2281	0.2851	0.2576	0.461		
0.2299	0.2887	0.2587	0.4685		
0.2299	0.2912	0.2584	0.4756		
0.2314	0.2946	0.259	0.4839		
0.2317	0.2974	0.2599	0.4918		
0.2326	0.3008	0.2604	0.4997		
0.2334	0.304	0.2616	0.5082		
0.235	0.3072	0.262	0.5166		

## APPENDIX B

### FRACTURE TOUGHNESS TESTS

Specimen ID: 8  
 Loading: Longitudinal  
 Thickness: 250  $\mu\text{m}$   
 Loading Rate: 0.015 kN/s

Load [N]	$\delta$ [mm]	Load [N]	$\delta$ [mm]	Load [N]	$\delta$ [mm]	Load [N]	$\delta$ [mm]	Load [N]	$\delta$ [mm]
21.4	0.003	255.8	0.0379	490.2	0.074	720.7	0.1122	953	0.1557
28.3	0.0036	262.3	0.0388	496.3	0.0751	727.4	0.1134	959.2	0.1571
35.3	0.0052	269.4	0.0402	503.3	0.0765	734	0.115	965.6	0.1587
42.5	0.0066	276	0.0411	510.4	0.0783	740.7	0.1157	972.2	0.1599
49.7	0.0071	282.6	0.0418	516.8	0.0786	747.4	0.1173	979	0.1611
56.1	0.0089	289.2	0.0434	523.3	0.0792	754.7	0.1189	985.3	0.1636
62.3	0.0095	296.1	0.044	530.2	0.0811	761.1	0.1198	991.8	0.1634
69.2	0.0105	302.5	0.0454	536.6	0.082	767.4	0.1216	998.8	0.1654
76.1	0.0114	309.3	0.0459	543.1	0.0829	774	0.1219	1005.5	0.1673
82.2	0.0125	317.3	0.0468	549.4	0.084	780.7	0.1228	1012.3	0.1682
89.1	0.0129	324	0.0484	556.5	0.0856	787.8	0.1249	1018.5	0.1694
95.9	0.0143	330.7	0.05	562.5	0.0863	794	0.1258	1025.2	0.1708
103	0.0154	337.1	0.0505	569.8	0.087	800.4	0.1274	1032	0.1719
109.2	0.0159	343.9	0.0514	576.3	0.0882	807	0.1283	1039	0.174
115.9	0.0172	350.4	0.0528	582.4	0.0888	814	0.1299	1045	0.1747
122.9	0.0182	357.5	0.0535	589	0.0909	820.4	0.1306	1051.6	0.1759
129.3	0.0193	364.4	0.055	595.4	0.0911	826.7	0.1315	1058.6	0.1775
136	0.0202	370.8	0.0557	602.5	0.0925	833.5	0.1334	1065	0.1791
142.8	0.0211	377.5	0.0566	609.1	0.0939	840.4	0.1345	1071.8	0.1803
149.3	0.0222	384.2	0.0576	615.1	0.095	846.8	0.1352	1078.7	0.1821
155.8	0.0236	390.9	0.0587	622.2	0.0964	853.4	0.1361	1085.7	0.1833
162.4	0.0243	397.5	0.0594	628.5	0.0969	860	0.138	1091.8	0.1851
168.6	0.0256	404.2	0.0605	635.2	0.0975	866.5	0.1391	1098.4	0.1863
175.6	0.0261	410.7	0.0626	641.5	0.0987	873.4	0.1403	1105	0.1877
182.1	0.0272	417.8	0.0626	648.1	0.1003	879.5	0.1414	1111.4	0.1893
188.4	0.0286	424.3	0.0642	654.3	0.1014	886.6	0.1424	1117.8	0.1912
195.2	0.0286	430.8	0.0651	661.5	0.1026	893.1	0.144	1124.9	0.1918
202.4	0.0302	436.8	0.0655	668.5	0.1037	899.7	0.1456	1131.5	0.1932
208.8	0.0309	444	0.0664	674.7	0.104	906.2	0.1463	1137.8	0.196
215.5	0.032	450.9	0.0678	680.9	0.1056	912.8	0.1477	1144.5	0.1979
222.3	0.0334	456.7	0.069	687.8	0.1069	919.3	0.1495	1151.6	0.1983
228.9	0.0343	463.3	0.0694	694.8	0.1076	925.7	0.1504	1158.3	0.1996
236.2	0.0345	470.4	0.0703	701.5	0.109	932.3	0.1518	1164.5	0.2007
242	0.0361	477.2	0.0722	708.3	0.1102	939	0.1532	1171.7	0.203
248.8	0.0368	483.7	0.0733	714.1	0.1108	946.1	0.1544	1178.2	0.2051



Specimen ID: 8  
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Load [N]	$\delta$ [mm]
1184.6	0.2069
1191.3	0.2083
1197.9	0.2108
1204.8	0.2122
1211	0.2136
1217.7	0.2154
1223.9	0.2175
1230.9	0.2198
1237.5	0.2212
1244.5	0.2233
1250.7	0.2246
1257.7	0.2276
1264.2	0.2292
1270.9	0.2311
1278.2	0.2336
1284.6	0.2359
1291.4	0.2378
1297.9	0.2401
1304.7	0.2424
1311.2	0.2461
1317.5	0.2484
1324.4	0.2516
1331.1	0.2546
1337.5	0.2576
1343.9	0.2625
1350.8	0.2666
1356.1	0.2729

Specimen ID: 7  
Loading: Longitudinal  
Thickness: 250  $\mu\text{m}$   
Loading Rate: 0.015 kN/s

Load [N]	$\delta$ [mm]	Load [N]	$\delta$ [mm]	Load [N]	$\delta$ [mm]	Load [N]	$\delta$ [mm]	Load [N]	$\delta$ [mm]
33.2	0.0022	266.6	0.0298	499.1	0.059	731.2	0.0887	962.3	0.1176
40.1	0.0036	273.3	0.031	505.9	0.0597	738.1	0.0892	969.2	0.1195
46.2	0.0038	279.9	0.0317	512.3	0.061	744.2	0.0906	975.6	0.12
53	0.0057	286.4	0.0326	519.2	0.0619	750.7	0.0908	982.4	0.1204
60.1	0.0062	293.1	0.0333	525.4	0.0626	757.7	0.0917	989	0.1218
67.6	0.0072	300.1	0.0349	531.9	0.0627	764.5	0.0931	995.4	0.1237
73.9	0.0074	306.2	0.0352	538.8	0.0638	771.2	0.0936	1001.9	0.1236
80.8	0.0081	313.3	0.0358	545.5	0.0649	777.4	0.0938	1009.2	0.1241
87.2	0.0086	319.9	0.0363	551.9	0.0663	783.8	0.0952	1015.4	0.1255
93.8	0.0096	326.7	0.0377	558.5	0.0663	790.6	0.096	1022.4	0.1264
100.5	0.0105	333	0.0386	565.3	0.0675	797.1	0.098	1028.9	0.1274
107.3	0.0105	339.9	0.0395	571.6	0.0684	803.5	0.098	1035.1	0.1279
113.8	0.0117	346.8	0.0405	578.1	0.0696	810.4	0.0987	1041.7	0.1288
121.2	0.0123	353.7	0.0418	585.3	0.0696	816.7	0.1001	1048.7	0.1292
127.7	0.0131	360.2	0.0416	591.4	0.0702	823.3	0.1006	1054.5	0.1306
134.4	0.0137	366.6	0.0425	598.1	0.0714	829.9	0.1009	1061.5	0.1311
140.7	0.0156	373	0.0439	605.2	0.0728	836.9	0.1018	1068.2	0.1323
147.2	0.0156	380.1	0.0442	612.1	0.073	843.2	0.1029	1074.7	0.1334
154.1	0.0156	386.5	0.0453	618.1	0.0735	849.9	0.1041	1081.1	0.1341
160.6	0.0166	392.4	0.0463	624.5	0.0749	856.4	0.1046	1087.8	0.1353
167.8	0.0173	399.6	0.0463	631.5	0.0749	863.3	0.105	1094.7	0.136
174.1	0.0186	406	0.0479	638.2	0.0769	869.8	0.1058	1101.4	0.1369
181	0.0193	412.8	0.0488	644.9	0.0772	876.6	0.1069	1107.8	0.1374
187.4	0.0201	419.3	0.0497	651.1	0.0781	882.9	0.1086	1114.8	0.1392
193.7	0.0212	426	0.0504	658.1	0.0789	889.9	0.109	1121.1	0.1401
200.7	0.0221	433	0.0507	665.3	0.0796	896.6	0.1099	1127.9	0.1415
207.3	0.0228	439.4	0.0514	671.8	0.0805	903	0.1104	1134.2	0.1418
213.7	0.0235	445.8	0.0527	678.1	0.0812	909.6	0.1111	1141.1	0.1429
220.5	0.0238	452.7	0.053	684.7	0.0823	916.3	0.1121	1147.3	0.1443
227.5	0.0256	459.5	0.0543	691	0.0826	923.2	0.1132	1154.1	0.145
234	0.0259	465.4	0.0553	698	0.084	929.6	0.1139	1160.8	0.1461
240.3	0.0266	472.2	0.0558	704.5	0.0847	936.1	0.1144	1167.6	0.1466
247.1	0.0275	479	0.0567	710.8	0.0856	942.8	0.1151	1173.9	0.1478
254	0.0286	485.3	0.0576	717.5	0.0868	949.2	0.1164	1180.6	0.1487
260.4	0.0291	492.3	0.0583	724.3	0.0875	956.4	0.1172	1187.4	0.1503

Specimen ID: 7  
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Load [N]	$\delta$ [mm]	Load [N]	$\delta$ [mm]	Load [N]	$\delta$ [mm]
1193.7	0.151	1373.2	0.1811	1551.8	0.2198
1200.7	0.1522	1380.5	0.1819	1558.4	0.2215
1206.6	0.1524	1386.9	0.1826	1565	0.2224
1213.2	0.1535	1393.6	0.1843	1571.6	0.2249
1220.3	0.1545	1399.4	0.1861	1578.2	0.2278
1226.5	0.1558	1406	0.1865	1584.6	0.2299
1232.9	0.1567	1412.6	0.1872	1590.9	0.2332
1240.1	0.1586	1419.7	0.1893	1597.9	0.2358
1246.5	0.1593	1426.4	0.1904	1603.5	0.2391
1253.2	0.1597	1432.7	0.1916	1609.9	0.2443
1259.7	0.1611	1438.9	0.1925	1617	0.2496
1266.2	0.1616	1445.9	0.1936	1623.6	0.255
1272.6	0.1628	1452.5	0.195	1627.3	0.2628
1281.3	0.164	1459.1	0.1964		
1288.3	0.1657	1466.1	0.198		
1294.5	0.1673	1472.7	0.1996		
1301.3	0.168	1478.9	0.2007		
1307.8	0.1689	1485.3	0.2025		
1314.1	0.17	1492.3	0.2041		
1321	0.1707	1499.5	0.2053		
1327.4	0.1718	1505.6	0.2073		
1334	0.1733	1512.1	0.208		
1341	0.1748	1518.8	0.2099		
1347.1	0.176	1525.3	0.2114		
1354.2	0.1769	1532	0.2132		
1360.6	0.1776	1538.4	0.2148		
1367.2	0.1797	1545.3	0.2167		

Specimen ID: 6  
Loading: Longitudinal  
Thickness: 250  $\mu\text{m}$   
Loading Rate: 0.015 kN/s

Load [N]	$\delta$ [mm]	Load [N]	$\delta$ [mm]	Load [N]	$\delta$ [mm]	Load [N]	$\delta$ [mm]	Load [N]	$\delta$ [mm]
14.9	0.0031	236.1	0.0334	455	0.0617	672.3	0.0918	889.2	0.1233
22.8	0.0048	242.6	0.0342	460.8	0.0635	678.4	0.093	895.3	0.1243
29	0.0051	248.6	0.0346	467.4	0.0642	684.7	0.0939	901.8	0.1255
35	0.0074	254.8	0.0356	473.7	0.0643	690.6	0.0946	908.2	0.1261
41.5	0.0072	261.1	0.0365	479.8	0.0657	697.5	0.0949	914.4	0.1269
47.9	0.0089	267.3	0.0379	486	0.0661	703.1	0.0963	920.4	0.128
53.8	0.0096	273.7	0.0379	492.2	0.0675	709.3	0.0974	926.9	0.1294
60.2	0.0099	280.3	0.0389	498.3	0.068	715.5	0.0983	933.2	0.1303
66.1	0.0122	286.3	0.0403	504.6	0.069	722	0.0991	939.5	0.131
73	0.0125	292.3	0.041	510.8	0.0701	727.7	0.1004	945.5	0.1315
79.3	0.0137	298.8	0.0417	516.6	0.0711	734.4	0.1009	951.9	0.1329
85.3	0.0142	304.8	0.0424	523.2	0.0718	740.4	0.1016	957.7	0.134
91.6	0.0147	311.2	0.0429	529.2	0.072	746.5	0.1023	964.2	0.1345
98.1	0.0158	317.6	0.0439	535.3	0.0732	753.4	0.1035	969.8	0.1362
104.3	0.0171	323.9	0.0449	541.7	0.0735	759.1	0.1047	976.7	0.1364
110.4	0.0171	329.9	0.046	548	0.0751	765.6	0.1058	982.2	0.1371
116.2	0.0189	336.3	0.0467	554.5	0.0758	771.8	0.1072	988.4	0.1391
122.9	0.0192	342.7	0.0479	560.4	0.0772	778.1	0.1072	994.4	0.1394
129.5	0.0204	349.1	0.0479	566.5	0.0781	784.1	0.1077	1000.7	0.1403
135.5	0.0215	355.1	0.0493	572.8	0.0781	790.5	0.1096	1006.8	0.1415
142.5	0.0222	361.6	0.0505	578.7	0.0794	796.6	0.1101	1013.1	0.142
148.7	0.0232	367.7	0.0505	585.3	0.0807	802.7	0.1107	1019.1	0.1431
155.3	0.0235	374.1	0.051	591.6	0.0801	808.5	0.1119	1025.6	0.144
161.4	0.0242	380	0.0517	597.3	0.0815	814.7	0.1126	1031.6	0.1447
167.4	0.0256	386.2	0.0531	603.6	0.0828	821.4	0.1135	1037.6	0.1461
174	0.026	392.6	0.0534	609.7	0.0836	827.1	0.1145	1043.8	0.1468
179.8	0.0267	398.7	0.0553	615.8	0.0845	833.6	0.1156	1051.1	0.1488
186.1	0.0267	405.3	0.0555	622.5	0.0855	839.9	0.1163	1057.5	0.1499
192.4	0.028	411.2	0.0557	628.7	0.0862	845.8	0.1171	1063.8	0.1508
198.5	0.0287	417.4	0.0572	634.8	0.0871	851.7	0.1182	1070.1	0.1513
204.5	0.0299	423.3	0.0574	641.2	0.0875	858.4	0.1192	1076.3	0.1525
210.3	0.0313	429.8	0.059	647	0.0885	864.8	0.1194	1082.6	0.1532
216.8	0.031	436.1	0.0595	653.5	0.0895	870.5	0.1208	1088.3	0.1545
223.6	0.032	442.2	0.06	659.6	0.0902	877.1	0.1217	1094.8	0.1559
230.1	0.0325	448.4	0.0616	665.7	0.0915	883.4	0.1222	1101.1	0.1564

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Load [N]	$\delta$ [mm]	Load [N]	$\delta$ [mm]	Load [N]	$\delta$ [mm]
1107.2	0.1575	1273.9	0.1885	1441.8	0.2321
1113.4	0.1584	1280.2	0.1904	1447.6	0.2343
1119.8	0.1603	1286.5	0.1916	1454	0.2365
1126	0.161	1292.7	0.1932	1459.7	0.2389
1131.9	0.1622	1299	0.1944	1466.2	0.2409
1138.5	0.1628	1304.9	0.1956	1472.6	0.2445
1144.3	0.1644	1311.3	0.1972	1478.9	0.2465
1150.3	0.1652	1317.3	0.1986	1485.3	0.2493
1156.4	0.1665	1323.3	0.1998	1491	0.253
1162.9	0.1674	1329.5	0.2018	1497.6	0.2571
1169	0.1689	1336.1	0.2028	1503.6	0.2606
1175.3	0.1689	1342.1	0.2047	1508.5	0.2655
1181.5	0.1705	1348.2	0.2061	1513.2	0.2779
1187.5	0.1716	1354.3	0.2073	1322	0.3511
1193.6	0.1728	1360.6	0.2089		
1199.8	0.1744	1366.9	0.2107		
1206.1	0.1751	1373.3	0.2122		
1212.2	0.1765	1379.4	0.2136		
1218.1	0.1774	1385.8	0.2152		
1224.6	0.1792	1392.1	0.2177		
1230.7	0.1801	1398.5	0.2191		
1236.8	0.1827	1404.5	0.2208		
1242.9	0.1829	1410.9	0.2222		
1249	0.1843	1416.5	0.2242		
1255	0.1854	1423.1	0.2268		
1261.1	0.1864	1429.2	0.2278		
1267.7	0.1871	1435.3	0.2305		

Specimen ID: 5  
Loading: Longitudinal  
Thickness: 100  $\mu\text{m}$   
Loading Rate: 0.015 kN/s

Load [N]	$\delta$ [mm]	Load [N]	$\delta$ [mm]	Load [N]	$\delta$ [mm]	Load [N]	$\delta$ [mm]
25	0.0102	146	0.0615	266	0.1127	386	0.1688
28	0.0114	150	0.0634	269	0.1146	389	0.1704
32	0.0132	153	0.0643	273	0.1155	392	0.1718
35	0.0145	156	0.0659	276	0.1171	396	0.1738
38	0.0166	160	0.0668	279	0.1194	399	0.175
42	0.0179	163	0.0686	283	0.1196	403	0.177
46	0.0195	167	0.0699	286	0.1219	406	0.1786
49	0.0208	170	0.072	290	0.1237	410	0.1804
52	0.0226	174	0.0738	293	0.1251	413	0.1827
56	0.024	177	0.0749	296	0.1265	417	0.1843
59	0.0258	180	0.0756	300	0.1283	420	0.1861
63	0.0278	184	0.0774	303	0.1297	424	0.1877
66	0.0287	187	0.079	307	0.1315	427	0.1895
70	0.0299	191	0.0802	310	0.1333	431	0.1918
74	0.0317	194	0.0811	314	0.1338	434	0.1941
77	0.0333	198	0.0833	317	0.1365	437	0.1959
80	0.0344	201	0.0847	321	0.1372	441	0.1977
84	0.0357	205	0.0861	324	0.1391	444	0.1998
87	0.0375	208	0.0877	327	0.1405	448	0.2012
91	0.0382	212	0.0893	331	0.1423	451	0.2039
94	0.0398	215	0.0904	334	0.1441	454	0.2055
97	0.0416	218	0.0913	337	0.1457	458	0.2078
101	0.0434	221	0.0931	341	0.147	461	0.2101
104	0.0443	225	0.0945	345	0.1489	465	0.2123
108	0.047	228	0.0961	348	0.1502	468	0.2153
111	0.0475	232	0.0979	351	0.1523	472	0.2174
115	0.0482	235	0.0995	355	0.1534	475	0.2194
119	0.0498	239	0.1004	358	0.1552	478	0.2224
122	0.0518	242	0.1025	362	0.157		
125	0.0527	245	0.1036	365	0.1584		
129	0.0541	249	0.1054	369	0.1604		
132	0.0559	252	0.1063	372	0.1618		
136	0.0568	256	0.1079	375	0.1636		
139	0.0586	259	0.1098	379	0.1647		
143	0.0602	262	0.1114	382	0.1663		

Specimen ID: 4  
Loading: Transverse  
Thickness: 30  $\mu\text{m}$   
Loading Rate: 0.015 kN/s

Load [N]	$\delta$ [mm]	Load [N]	$\delta$ [mm]	Load [N]	$\delta$ [mm]	Load [N]	$\delta$ [mm]	Load [N]	$\delta$ [mm]
0	0	45	0.0565	73	0.0917	98	0.124	122	0.1552
19	0.0249	46	0.0576	74	0.0928	98	0.1245	122	0.1563
20	0.0251	47	0.0585	74	0.0938	99	0.1259	123	0.1573
20	0.0254	48	0.0596	75	0.0959	99	0.1264	124	0.1576
21	0.0262	48	0.0604	76	0.0967	100	0.1272	124	0.1593
22	0.0271	49	0.0615	77	0.0983	101	0.1283	125	0.1598
22	0.0279	50	0.0625	78	0.0986	102	0.1292	126	0.1604
23	0.029	51	0.0635	78	0.0994	102	0.13	126	0.1615
24	0.0298	51	0.0646	79	0.1002	103	0.1313	127	0.1628
25	0.0308	52	0.0656	80	0.1013	104	0.1322	128	0.1631
25	0.0318	53	0.0666	80	0.1019	104	0.133	129	0.1653
26	0.0329	54	0.0676	81	0.103	105	0.1335	129	0.1653
27	0.0338	55	0.0685	82	0.104	106	0.1346	130	0.1659
28	0.0347	55	0.0696	82	0.1043	107	0.1357	131	0.1669
28	0.0356	56	0.0706	83	0.1057	107	0.1368	131	0.1678
29	0.0365	57	0.0717	84	0.1065	108	0.1371	132	0.1689
30	0.0376	58	0.0726	84	0.1068	108	0.1382	133	0.1694
31	0.0384	59	0.0737	85	0.1081	109	0.1393	133	0.1702
31	0.0395	59	0.0746	86	0.1087	110	0.1395	134	0.1713
32	0.0407	60	0.0757	86	0.1103	110	0.1415	135	0.1724
33	0.0415	61	0.0766	87	0.1106	111	0.142	136	0.1733
34	0.0424	62	0.0777	88	0.1114	112	0.1426	136	0.1741
35	0.0435	63	0.0786	89	0.1125	113	0.1437	137	0.1752
35	0.0446	64	0.0798	89	0.1136	113	0.1447	138	0.176
36	0.0455	64	0.0806	90	0.1144	114	0.1453	138	0.1768
37	0.0465	65	0.0816	91	0.115	115	0.1467	139	0.1779
38	0.0476	66	0.0827	91	0.1163	115	0.1469	140	0.179
39	0.0484	67	0.0838	92	0.1169	116	0.148	140	0.1801
40	0.0495	68	0.0848	93	0.1182	117	0.1486	141	0.1807
40	0.0505	68	0.0856	93	0.1185	117	0.1497	142	0.1812
41	0.0515	69	0.0868	94	0.1199	118	0.1508	142	0.1818
42	0.0525	70	0.0877	95	0.1204	119	0.1516	143	0.1832
43	0.0535	71	0.0888	95	0.1212	120	0.153	144	0.184
43	0.0545	71	0.0896	96	0.1229	120	0.1535	144	0.1845
44	0.0554	72	0.0906	97	0.1223	121	0.1541	145	0.1859

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Load [N]	$\delta$ [mm]	Load [N]	$\delta$ [mm]
146	0.187	165	0.2121
147	0.1878	166	0.2123
147	0.1889	166	0.2134
148	0.1898	167	0.2146
148	0.1903	168	0.2154
149	0.1917	169	0.2162
150	0.1922	169	0.2168
151	0.1936	170	0.2184
151	0.1944	171	0.2195
152	0.1947	171	0.2198
153	0.1961	172	0.2212
154	0.1969	173	0.2217
154	0.1975	173	0.2223
155	0.1986	174	0.2237
156	0.1991	175	0.2248
156	0.2005	175	0.2259
157	0.2016	176	0.227
158	0.2027	177	0.2278
158	0.203	177	0.2289
159	0.2038	178	0.2297
160	0.2049	179	0.2303
160	0.2057	179	0.2317
161	0.2068	180	0.2325
162	0.2082	180	0.2336
162	0.2088	181	0.2342
163	0.2099	182	0.2355
164	0.2107	183	0.2361



Specimen ID: 3  
Loading: Transverse  
Thickness: 30  $\mu\text{m}$   
Loading Rate: 0.015 kN/s

Load [N]	$\delta$ [mm]	Load [N]	$\delta$ [mm]	Load [N]	$\delta$ [mm]	Load [N]	$\delta$ [mm]	Load [N]	$\delta$ [mm]
0	0	42	0.0542	66	0.0865	91	0.1186	115	0.1505
19	0.0244	43	0.0554	67	0.0868	92	0.1195	116	0.1513
20	0.0259	43	0.056	68	0.0885	92	0.1204	116	0.1528
20	0.0262	44	0.058	68	0.0897	93	0.1215	117	0.1534
21	0.0268	45	0.058	69	0.0905	94	0.1218	118	0.1548
22	0.0279	45	0.0592	70	0.0911	94	0.123	118	0.1554
22	0.0282	46	0.0598	70	0.092	95	0.1238	119	0.1574
23	0.0294	47	0.0609	71	0.0929	96	0.1253	120	0.1577
24	0.0302	47	0.0615	72	0.0937	97	0.1253	120	0.1583
24	0.0314	48	0.0627	72	0.0949	97	0.1273	121	0.1595
25	0.032	49	0.0635	73	0.0964	98	0.1276	122	0.16
26	0.0328	50	0.0647	74	0.0969	98	0.1282	122	0.1609
26	0.0328	50	0.0656	75	0.0978	99	0.1293	123	0.1618
27	0.0343	51	0.0664	75	0.0984	100	0.1305	124	0.1632
27	0.0357	52	0.067	76	0.0996	101	0.1311	125	0.1638
28	0.036	52	0.0679	76	0.1001	101	0.1322	125	0.1653
29	0.0369	53	0.0687	77	0.1013	102	0.1334	126	0.1658
30	0.0375	54	0.0699	78	0.1019	103	0.1342	127	0.1667
30	0.0383	54	0.0708	79	0.103	103	0.1357	127	0.1682
31	0.0398	55	0.0722	79	0.1039	104	0.1363	128	0.1687
31	0.0403	56	0.0725	80	0.1048	105	0.1371	129	0.1693
32	0.0415	56	0.0737	81	0.106	106	0.138	129	0.1699
33	0.0421	57	0.0745	81	0.1065	106	0.1397	130	0.1711
34	0.0435	58	0.0754	82	0.108	107	0.1397	131	0.1725
34	0.0441	59	0.0763	83	0.1083	107	0.1409	131	0.1734
35	0.0453	59	0.0772	83	0.1092	108	0.1409	132	0.1748
36	0.0467	60	0.0792	84	0.1103	109	0.1423	133	0.1751
36	0.0473	61	0.0792	85	0.1112	109	0.1435	134	0.176
37	0.0484	61	0.0801	86	0.1118	110	0.1441	134	0.1766
38	0.049	62	0.0809	86	0.113	111	0.1452	135	0.178
38	0.0496	63	0.0818	87	0.1138	112	0.1461	135	0.1786
39	0.0508	64	0.0827	88	0.115	112	0.1476	136	0.1795
40	0.0516	64	0.0833	88	0.1156	113	0.1481	137	0.1801
41	0.0531	65	0.0847	89	0.117	113	0.1493	138	0.1809
41	0.0534	66	0.0862	90	0.118	114	0.1496	138	0.1818

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Load [N]	$\delta$ [mm]	Load [N]	$\delta$ [mm]
139	0.1827	157	0.2092
140	0.1844	158	0.2101
140	0.1853	154	0.2107
141	0.1865	155	0.2124
142	0.1873		
142	0.1888		
143	0.1894		
144	0.19		
144	0.1905		
145	0.1917		
146	0.1926		
147	0.194		
147	0.1949		
148	0.1967		
149	0.1972		
149	0.1981		
150	0.1987		
151	0.1996		
151	0.201		
152	0.201		
152	0.2034		
153	0.2034		
154	0.2039		
155	0.2054		
155	0.2072		
156	0.2074		
157	0.2083		

Specimen ID: 2  
Loading: Longitudinal  
Thickness: 30  $\mu\text{m}$   
Loading Rate: 0.015 kN/s

Load [N]	$\delta$ [mm]	Load [N]	$\delta$ [mm]	Load [N]	$\delta$ [mm]	Load [N]	$\delta$ [mm]	Load [N]	$\delta$ [mm]
0	0	39	0.0513	63	0.0831	87	0.1147	111	0.1472
19	0.0254	40	0.0511	64	0.0839	88	0.1163	112	0.1483
19	0.0251	40	0.053	65	0.0847	89	0.1166	113	0.1494
19	0.0254	41	0.0532	65	0.0861	89	0.1177	113	0.15
19	0.0246	42	0.0552	66	0.0864	90	0.1188	114	0.1508
20	0.0254	43	0.0552	67	0.0878	91	0.1194	115	0.1525
20	0.026	43	0.0565	67	0.0886	91	0.1194	115	0.153
20	0.0268	44	0.0576	68	0.0894	92	0.121	116	0.1536
21	0.0273	45	0.059	69	0.09	93	0.1216	117	0.1547
22	0.0281	45	0.0593	69	0.0908	94	0.1221	117	0.1558
22	0.0287	46	0.0601	70	0.0924	94	0.1238	118	0.1561
23	0.0292	47	0.0606	71	0.0927	95	0.1246	119	0.1575
23	0.03	47	0.0617	72	0.0938	96	0.1257	120	0.1588
24	0.0306	48	0.0628	72	0.0949	96	0.1268	120	0.1597
25	0.0314	49	0.0636	73	0.096	97	0.1271	121	0.1611
25	0.033	49	0.0645	74	0.0965	98	0.1285	121	0.1611
26	0.0333	50	0.0658	74	0.0974	98	0.1296	122	0.1624
27	0.0347	51	0.0669	75	0.0982	99	0.1298	123	0.1633
27	0.0358	52	0.0677	76	0.0996	100	0.1315	124	0.1641
28	0.0363	52	0.0686	76	0.1001	100	0.1318	124	0.1652
29	0.0374	53	0.0697	77	0.1009	101	0.1334	125	0.1663
29	0.0396	54	0.0708	78	0.102	102	0.1337	126	0.1666
30	0.039	54	0.0708	78	0.1029	102	0.1348	126	0.1677
31	0.0401	55	0.0724	79	0.104	103	0.1356	127	0.1691
32	0.0404	56	0.0732	80	0.1042	104	0.1365	128	0.1699
32	0.042	56	0.0735	81	0.1056	105	0.1381	128	0.1707
33	0.0434	57	0.0749	81	0.1067	105	0.1387	129	0.1719
33	0.0437	58	0.076	82	0.107	106	0.1398	130	0.1721
34	0.0448	58	0.0771	83	0.1081	106	0.1406	130	0.1732
35	0.0456	59	0.0779	83	0.1092	107	0.1414	131	0.1738
36	0.0464	60	0.0782	84	0.1111	108	0.1423	132	0.1752
36	0.0472	61	0.0793	85	0.1117	108	0.1436	133	0.1766
37	0.0483	61	0.0809	85	0.1114	109	0.1439	133	0.1779
38	0.0489	62	0.0809	86	0.1125	110	0.145	134	0.1788
38	0.0497	63	0.082	87	0.1141	111	0.1461	135	0.1793

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Load [N]	$\delta$ [mm]
135	0.1802
136	0.1804
136	0.1827
137	0.1824
138	0.184
139	0.1849
139	0.1863
140	0.1879
141	0.1882
141	0.1893
142	0.1904
143	0.1915
143	0.1923
144	0.1934
144	0.1945
145	0.1956
146	0.1976
146	0.1976
147	0.1987
148	0.1995
148	0.2009
149	0.2022
149	0.2033
148	0.2047
149	0.2069

Specimen ID: 1  
Loading: Longitudinal  
Thickness: 100  $\mu\text{m}$   
Loading Rate: 0.015 kN/s

Load [N]	$\delta$ [mm]	Load [N]	$\delta$ [mm]	Load [N]	$\delta$ [mm]	Load [N]	$\delta$ [mm]	Load [N]	$\delta$ [mm]
0	0	39	0.0483	63	0.0804	88	0.1133	112	0.146
19	0.023	40	0.049	64	0.0811	88	0.1141	112	0.1468
19	0.0234	41	0.0497	65	0.0818	89	0.1155	113	0.1478
19	0.0234	41	0.0508	66	0.0829	90	0.1158	114	0.1493
19	0.0234	42	0.0515	66	0.0839	90	0.1173	115	0.1503
19	0.023	43	0.0525	67	0.0846	91	0.1183	115	0.1514
20	0.0237	43	0.0536	68	0.0864	92	0.119	116	0.1521
20	0.0244	44	0.0543	69	0.0871	93	0.1197	117	0.1532
21	0.0255	45	0.0557	69	0.0878	93	0.1212	117	0.1539
22	0.0259	46	0.0564	70	0.0889	94	0.1219	118	0.1553
22	0.0266	46	0.0568	71	0.0892	95	0.1222	119	0.156
23	0.0269	47	0.0582	71	0.0903	95	0.1233	119	0.1574
24	0.028	48	0.0589	72	0.0914	96	0.1244	120	0.1578
24	0.0287	48	0.0604	72	0.0924	97	0.1261	121	0.1589
25	0.0298	49	0.0611	73	0.0935	97	0.1261	121	0.1599
25	0.0308	50	0.0618	74	0.0942	98	0.1268	122	0.161
26	0.0316	50	0.0629	75	0.096	99	0.1286	123	0.1617
27	0.0316	51	0.0636	75	0.0967	100	0.1297	124	0.1628
27	0.0333	52	0.0654	76	0.0974	100	0.1304	124	0.1642
28	0.0344	52	0.0661	77	0.0977	101	0.1311	125	0.1653
29	0.0351	53	0.0664	77	0.0992	102	0.1325	126	0.166
30	0.0358	54	0.0671	78	0.0999	102	0.1325	126	0.1671
30	0.0365	55	0.0686	79	0.1009	103	0.1347	127	0.1678
31	0.0372	55	0.0689	79	0.102	103	0.1354	128	0.1689
32	0.039	56	0.0703	80	0.1031	104	0.1361	128	0.1706
32	0.039	57	0.0711	81	0.1034	105	0.1372	129	0.171
33	0.0404	57	0.0718	82	0.1048	106	0.1379	130	0.1721
34	0.0415	58	0.0728	82	0.1055	106	0.1382	130	0.1731
34	0.0422	59	0.0732	83	0.107	107	0.1393	131	0.1735
35	0.0426	59	0.075	84	0.1077	108	0.1404	132	0.1753
36	0.044	60	0.0758	84	0.1087	108	0.1418	132	0.176
37	0.0447	61	0.0761	85	0.1094	109	0.1432	133	0.1771
37	0.0458	62	0.0772	86	0.1102	110	0.1436	134	0.1774
38	0.0461	62	0.0783	86	0.1112	110	0.1443	134	0.1788
39	0.0468	63	0.0797	87	0.1123	111	0.1457	135	0.1792

Specimen ID: 1  
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Load [N]	$\delta$ [mm]
136	0.1803
136	0.1813
137	0.1831
138	0.1838
139	0.1842
139	0.1856
140	0.1874
141	0.1878
141	0.1888
142	0.1903
143	0.191
143	0.1921
144	0.1928
145	0.1938
145	0.1949
146	0.1963
147	0.1971
147	0.1981
148	0.1992
148	0.2013
149	0.2017
149	0.2024
148	0.2042
149	0.2071
150	0.2085

# APPENDIX C

## FATIGUE TESTS

Specimen ID: 1  
 Loading: Longitudinal  
 Thickness: 30  $\mu\text{m}$   
 Notch Length: 2.70 mm

Right Side a		Left Side b	
Cycles	Crack Growth [mm]	Cycles	Crack Growth [mm]
0	0	0	0
5000	0.01875	5000	0.0375
5500	0.0375	5500	0.05625
6000	0.05625	6000	0.075
6500	0.075	6500	0.09375
7000	0.09375	7000	0.1125
7500	0.1125	7500	0.13125
8000	0.13125	8000	0.15
8500	0.15	8500	0.16875
9500	0.20625	9500	0.2625
10500	0.28125	10500	0.375
11500	0.375	11500	0.50625
12100	0.4125	12100	0.5625
13100	0.50625	13100	0.65625
14100	0.6375	14100	0.76875
15100	0.75	15100	0.9
16100	0.8625	16100	0.99375
17100	1.05	17100	1.14375
18100	1.2375	18100	1.40625
19100	1.5375	19100	1.6875
19600	1.6875	19600	1.96875
20100	1.875	20100	2.11875
20600	2.0625	20600	2.25
21000	2.25	21000	2.4375
21700	2.625	21700	3

Specimen ID: 2  
Loading: Longitudinal  
Thickness: 30  $\mu\text{m}$   
Notch Length: 2.06 mm

Right Side a		Left Side b	
Cycles	Crack Growth [mm]	Cycles	Crack Growth [mm]
0	0	0	0
13000	0.05625	13000	0.01875
14000	0.13125	14000	0.0375
15000	0.28125	15000	0.1125
15600	0.375	15600	0.1875
16200	0.4125	16200	0.225
16800	0.46875	16800	0.28125
17500	0.58125	17500	0.43125
18000	0.65625	18000	0.4875
18600	0.84375	18600	0.58125
19200	0.91875	19200	0.65625
19800	0.975	19800	0.75
20400	1.05	20400	0.84375
21000	1.1625	21000	1.03125
21600	1.40625	21600	1.1625
22200	1.55625	22200	1.3125
22800	1.875	22800	1.51875
23300	2.175	23300	1.875
23800	2.85	23800	2.4375



Specimen ID: 3  
 Loading: Longitudinal  
 Thickness: 30  $\mu\text{m}$   
 Notch Length: 2.00 mm

Right Side a		Left Side b	
Cycles	Crack Growth [mm]	Cycles	Crack Growth [mm]
0	0	0	0
3000	0.01875	3000	0.01875
4000	0.05625	4000	0.13125
5000	0.1875	5000	0.375
5500	0.31875	5500	0.46875
6000	0.46875	6000	0.6
6500	0.5625	6500	0.75
7000	0.7875	7000	0.95625
7500	1.125	7500	1.3125

Specimen ID: 4  
 Loading: Longitudinal  
 Thickness: 30  $\mu\text{m}$   
 Notch Length: 2.06 mm

Right Side a		Left Side b	
Cycles	Crack Growth [mm]	Cycles	Crack Growth [mm]
0	0	0	0
4000	0.01875	4000	0.0375
4500	0.05625	4500	0.09375
5000	0.075	5000	0.15
5600	0.1125	5600	0.3375
6200	0.1875	6200	0.43125
6700	0.28125	6700	0.4875
7200	0.4125	7200	0.675
7700	0.6	7700	0.91875
8200	0.75	8200	1.05
8700	1.125	8700	1.35

Specimen ID: 5  
 Loading: Transverse  
 Thickness: 30  $\mu\text{m}$   
 Notch Length: 2.53 mm

Right Side a		Left Side b	
Cycles	Crack Growth [mm]	Cycles	Crack Growth [mm]
0	0	0	0
600	0.05625	600	0.0375
1200	0.09375	1200	0.09375
1800	0.15	1800	0.15
2400	0.28125	2400	0.20625
3000	0.525	3000	0.39375
3600	0.65625	3600	0.5625
4100	0.84375	4100	0.8625
4600	1.40625	4600	1.3125
4800	2.23125	4800	2.1375
5000	2.53125	5000	2.4375
5200	2.8125	5200	2.625
5500	3.5625	5500	3.375

Specimen ID: 6  
 Loading: Transverse  
 Thickness: 30  $\mu\text{m}$   
 Notch Length: 2.14 mm

Right Side a		Left Side b	
Cycles	Crack Growth [mm]	Cycles	Crack Growth [mm]
0	0	0	0
9000	0.0375	9000	0.075
10000	0.05625	10000	0.13125
11000	0.075	11000	0.15
12000	0.1125	12000	0.1875
13000	0.16875	13000	0.28125
14000	0.31875	14000	0.375
15000	0.39375	15000	0.45
15600	0.46875	15600	0.50625
16200	0.54375	16200	0.58125
16800	0.61875	16800	0.6375
17400	0.69375	17400	0.76875
18000	0.80625	18000	0.8625
18600	0.91875	18600	1.05
19200	1.0875	19200	1.3125
19800	1.21875	19800	1.4625
20400	1.55625	20400	1.7625
21000	2.15625	21000	1.96875

Specimen ID: 7  
 Loading: Transverse  
 Thickness: 30  $\mu\text{m}$   
 Notch Length: 2.06 mm

Right Side a		Left Side b	
Cycles	Crack Growth [mm]	Cycles	Crack Growth [mm]
0	0	0	0
3600	0.01875	3600	0.0375
4200	0.0375	4200	0.075
5200	0.05625	5200	0.16875
5700	0.075	5700	0.31875
6100	0.13125	6100	0.4125
6500	0.16875	6500	0.525
6900	0.28125	6900	0.73125

Specimen ID: 8  
 Loading: Transverse  
 Thickness: 30  $\mu\text{m}$   
 Notch Length: 2.08 mm

Right Side a		Left Side b	
Cycles	Crack Growth [mm]	Cycles	Crack Growth [mm]
0	0	0	0
3200	0.01875	3200	0.01875
3800	0.0375	3800	0.0375
4400	0.05625	4400	0.075
5000	0.075	5000	0.13125
6000	0.13125	6000	0.1875
7000	0.16875	7000	0.225
8000	0.28125	8000	0.375
8600	0.6375	8600	0.65625
9100	0.75	9100	0.95625
9500	0.9	9500	1.3125

Specimen ID: 1  
Loading: Longitudinal  
Thickness: 100  $\mu\text{m}$   
Notch Length: 2.4 mm

Right Side a				Left Side b			
Cycles	Crack Growth [mm]	Cycles	Crack Growth [mm]	Cycles	Crack Growth [mm]	Cycles	Crack Growth [mm]
0	0	70000	1.3125	0	0	73500	1.93125
4000	0.0375	72000	1.4625	4000	0.01875	74000	2.0625
8000	0.05625	73000	1.6125	14000	0.0375	74500	2.175
14000	0.075	73500	1.6875	20000	0.05625	75000	2.23125
18000	0.09375	74000	1.89375	24000	0.075	75500	2.2875
20000	0.1125	74500	1.96875	26000	0.09375	76000	2.34375
22000	0.13125	75000	2.00625	28000	0.1125	77000	2.625
24000	0.15	75500	2.0625	30000	0.15	77500	2.8125
26000	0.16875	76000	2.15625	32000	0.1875	78000	3
28000	0.1875	77000	2.25	34000	0.2625	78500	3.1875
30000	0.20625	77500	2.325	35000	0.31875	79000	3.375
32000	0.225	78000	2.53125	36000	0.3375	79500	3.5625
34000	0.35625	78500	2.775	38000	0.46875	80000	3.9375
35000	0.4125	79000	2.90625	39000	0.4875	80500	4.3875
36000	0.45	79500	3.15	40000	0.50625	81000	4.96875
38000	0.5625	80000	3.43125	42000	0.58125	81500	6.375
39000	0.58125	80500	3.84375	44000	0.65625		
40000	0.6	81000	4.40625	46000	0.73125		
42000	0.65625	81500	5.15625	48000	0.7875		
44000	0.7125			50000	0.825		
46000	0.76875			52000	0.9		
48000	0.80625			54000	0.91875		
50000	0.84375			56000	0.975		
52000	0.9			58000	1.05		
54000	0.9375			60000	1.125		
56000	0.975			62000	1.18125		
58000	1.0125			64000	1.2375		
60000	1.05			66000	1.3125		
62000	1.06875			68000	1.425		
64000	1.1625			70000	1.5375		
66000	1.21875			72000	1.6875		
68000	1.2375			73000	1.85625		

Specimen ID: 2  
Loading: Longitudinal  
Thickness: 100  $\mu\text{m}$   
Notch Length: 1.98 mm

Right Side a		Left Side b	
Cycles	Crack Growth [mm]	Cycles	Crack Growth [mm]
0	0	0	0
380000	0.01875	315000	0.01875
390000	0.0375	320000	0.0375
395000	0.046875	325000	0.05625
400000	0.05625	330000	0.1125
405000	0.075	335000	0.15
410000	0.09375	340000	0.1875
415000	0.1875	345000	0.225
420000	0.28125	350000	0.3
425000	0.4125	355000	0.35625
430000	0.46875	360000	0.39375
435000	0.6	365000	0.46875
440000	0.675	370000	0.54375
445000	0.7875	375000	0.6
450000	0.9375	380000	0.6375
455000	1.14375	385000	0.65625
460000	1.4625	390000	0.69375
462000	1.63125	395000	0.73125
464000	1.78125	400000	0.76875
466000	2.0625	405000	0.84375
468000	2.53125	410000	0.9375
469000	2.775	415000	0.975
470000	3	420000	1.0875
471000	3.1875	425000	1.1625
472000	3.46875	430000	1.21875
473000	3.9375	435000	1.3125
474000	5.25	440000	1.35



Specimen ID: 3  
Loading: Longitudinal  
Thickness: 100  $\mu\text{m}$   
Notch Length: 1.9 mm

Right Side a		Left Side b	
Cycles	Crack Growth [mm]	Cycles	Crack Growth [mm]
0	0	0	0
18000	0.01875	16000	0.01875
20000	0.0375	18000	0.0375
22000	0.075	20000	0.05625
23000	0.1125	22000	0.1125
24000	0.16875	23000	0.16875
25500	0.225	24000	0.20625
26500	0.28125	25500	0.3
28000	0.375	26500	0.35625
29500	0.46875	28000	0.4125
31000	0.5625	29500	0.50625
32500	0.675	31000	0.65625
34000	0.75	32500	0.76875
35000	0.84375	34000	0.8625
36000	0.975	35000	0.9375
37000	1.05	36000	1.03125
38000	1.18125	37000	1.125
39000	1.3125	38000	1.2375
40000	1.5	39000	1.33125
41000	1.70625	40000	1.5375
42000	1.95	41000	1.725
43000	2.34375	42000	2.0625
44000	3	43000	2.4
45000	3.825	44000	3.075

Specimen ID: 4  
Loading: Longitudinal  
Thickness: 100  $\mu\text{m}$   
Notch Length: 1.96 mm

Right Side a		Left Side b	
Cycles	Crack Growth [mm]	Cycles	Crack Growth [mm]
0	0	0	0
10000	0.01875	12000	0.01875
12000	0.1125	13000	0.0375
13000	0.13125	14000	0.05625
14000	0.1875	15000	0.09375
15000	0.20625	17000	0.15
17000	0.3	19000	0.225
19000	0.3375	21000	0.375
21000	0.4875	22000	0.46875
22000	0.54375	23000	0.5625
23000	0.6375	24000	0.65625
24000	0.7125	25000	0.75
25000	0.7875	26000	0.8625
26000	0.9	27000	0.9375
27000	0.975	28000	1.0125
28000	1.06875	29000	1.0875
29000	1.1625	30000	1.2375
30000	1.275	31000	1.40625
31000	1.5375	31500	1.5375
31500	1.6875	32000	1.66875
32000	1.8	32500	1.78125
32500	1.875	33000	1.875
33000	1.96875	33500	2.1
33500	2.15625	34000	2.25
34000	2.30625	34500	2.4375
34500	2.53125	35000	2.8125
35000	3.09375	35500	3.1875
35500	3.46875	36000	3.75
36000	3.9375		

Specimen ID: 5  
Loading: Longitudinal  
Thickness: 100  $\mu\text{m}$   
Notch Length: 1.96 mm

Right Side a		Left Side b	
Cycles	Crack Growth [mm]	Cycles	Crack Growth [mm]
0	0	0	0
2000	0.01875	2000	0.01875
3000	0.05625	3000	0.0375
3500	0.09375	3500	0.09375
4000	0.13125	4000	0.13125
4500	0.16875	4500	0.16875
5500	0.375	5500	0.28125
6000	0.43125	6000	0.375
6500	0.5625	6500	0.50625
7000	0.6375	7000	0.5625
7500	0.75	7500	0.65625
8000	0.9375	8000	0.7875
8500	1.125	8500	0.9375
9000	1.3125	9000	1.1625
9500	1.4625	9500	1.3125
10000	1.96875	10000	1.875
10500	3	10500	2.53125

Specimen ID: 6  
Loading: Longitudinal  
Thickness: 100  $\mu\text{m}$   
Notch Length: 1.90 mm

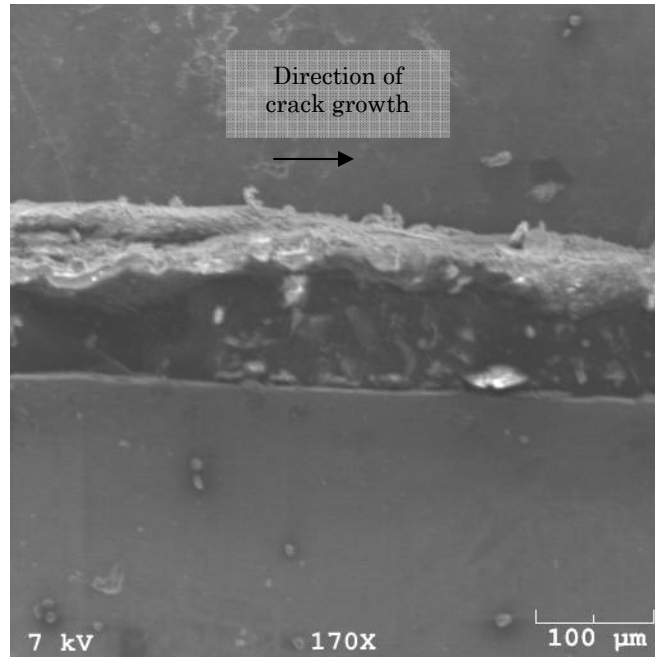
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Cycles	Crack Growth [mm]	Cycles	Crack Growth [mm]
0	0	0	0
3500	0.01875	3000	0.01875
4000	0.0375	3500	0.0375
4500	0.05625	4000	0.05625
5000	0.075	4500	0.075
6000	0.09375	5000	0.09375
6600	0.15	6000	0.13125
7200	0.225	6600	0.16875
7700	0.375	7200	0.225
8200	0.4875	7700	0.375
8700	0.6	8200	0.46875
9200	0.7125	8700	0.5625
9700	0.84375	9200	0.675
10200	0.99375	9700	0.75
10700	1.125	10200	0.95625
11200	1.3875	10700	1.06875
11700	1.6875	11200	1.25625
12200	2.2125	11700	1.59375
		12200	2.2125

Specimen ID: 7  
Loading: Longitudinal  
Thickness: 250  $\mu\text{m}$   
Notch Length: 3.0 mm

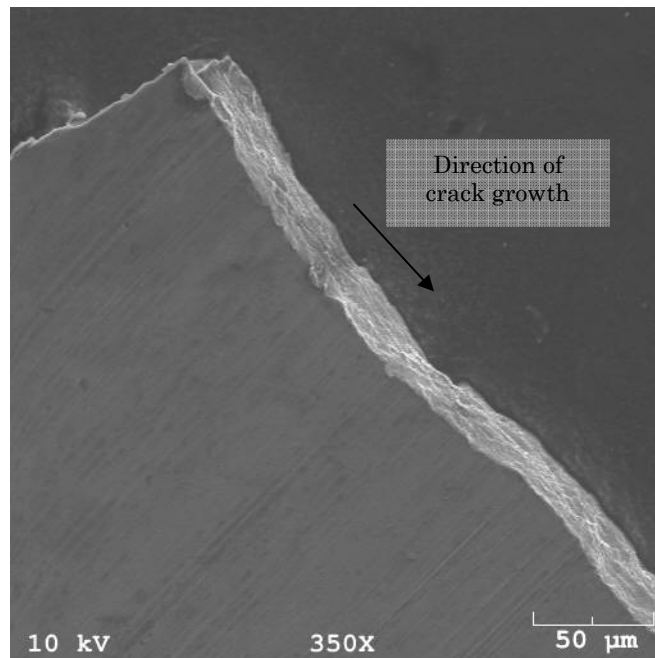
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Cycles	Crack Growth [mm]	Cycles	Crack Growth [mm]	Cycles	Crack Growth [mm]	Cycles	Crack Growth [mm]
50000	0	302000	2.4	50000	0	304000	2.2875
85000	0.0375	304000	2.4375	135000	0.01875	306000	2.4375
100000	0.05625	306000	2.53125	140000	0.05625	308000	2.55
125000	0.075	308000	2.625	145000	0.075	310000	2.71875
135000	0.09375	310000	2.8125	150000	0.09375	312000	3.15
140000	0.1125	312000	3.1875	155000	0.13125	313000	3.43125
150000	0.13125	313000	3.5625	160000	0.1875	314000	3.65625
160000	0.15	314000	3.84375	180000	0.225	315000	3.7125
170000	0.16875	315000	3.9375	245000	0.2625	316000	3.73125
245000	0.24375	316000	3.975	255000	0.3	317000	3.75
255000	0.35625	317000	4.05	260000	0.375	<i>Crack arrested</i>	
260000	0.5625	<i>Crack arrested</i>		262000	0.4125		
262000	0.61875			264000	0.46875		
264000	0.65625			266000	0.5625		
266000	0.7875			268000	0.675		
268000	0.9375			270000	0.7875		
270000	0.99375			272000	0.9375		
272000	1.0875			274000	1.06875		
274000	1.21875			276000	1.2		
276000	1.29375			278000	1.2375		
278000	1.35			280000	1.275		
280000	1.4625			282000	1.3125		
282000	1.51875			284000	1.425		
284000	1.59375			286000	1.5		
286000	1.725			288000	1.6125		
288000	1.875			290000	1.6875		
290000	1.96875			292000	1.8375		
292000	2.0625			294000	1.9125		
294000	2.1375			296000	2.1		
296000	2.25			298000	2.175		
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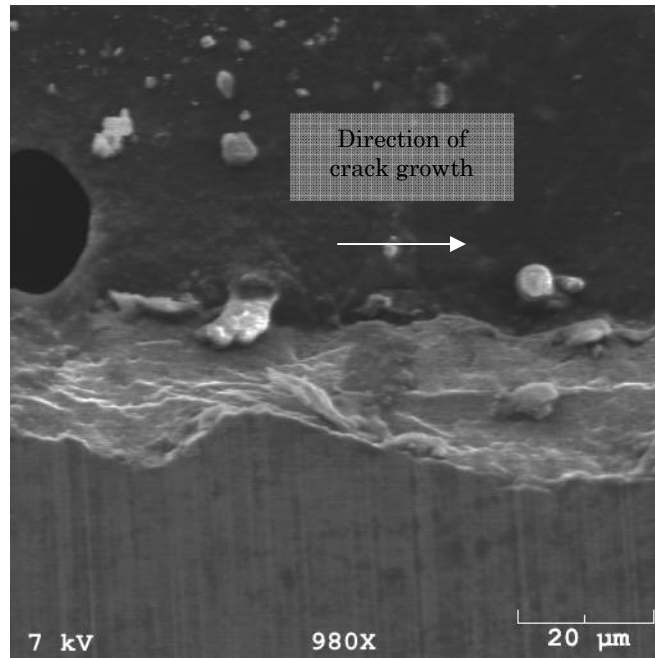
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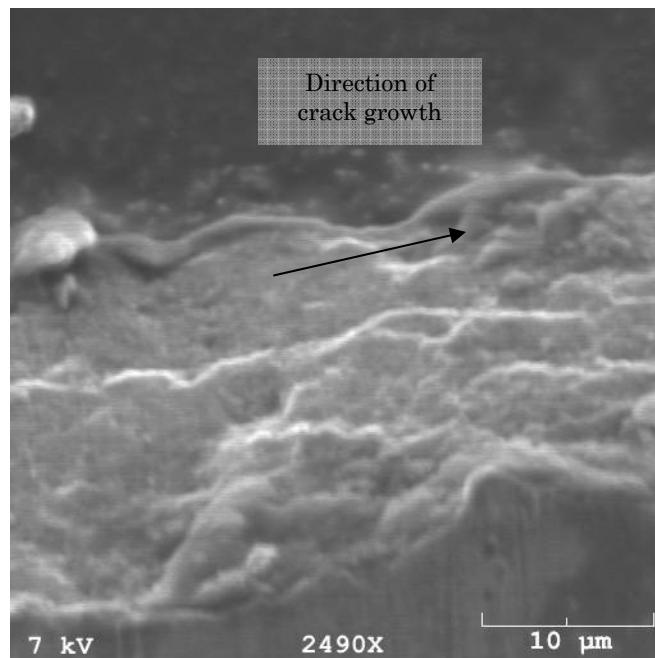
Monotonic tensile fracture surface of 30 μm thick Al/Mg foil



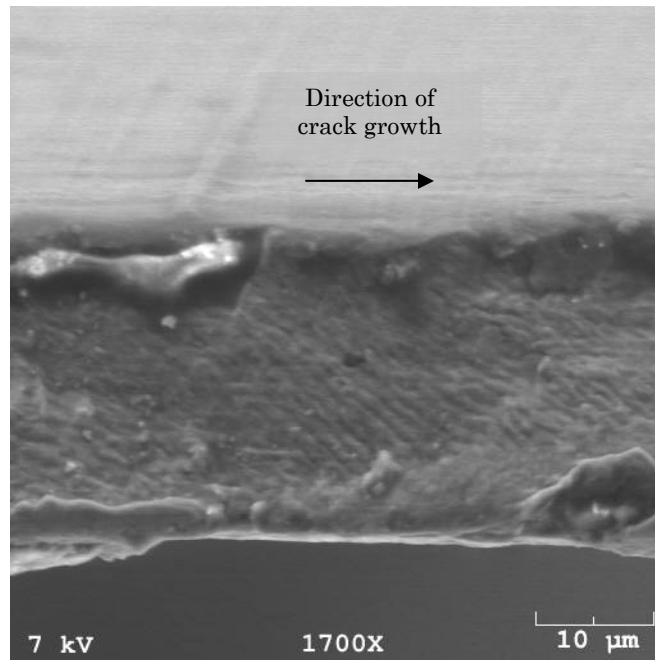
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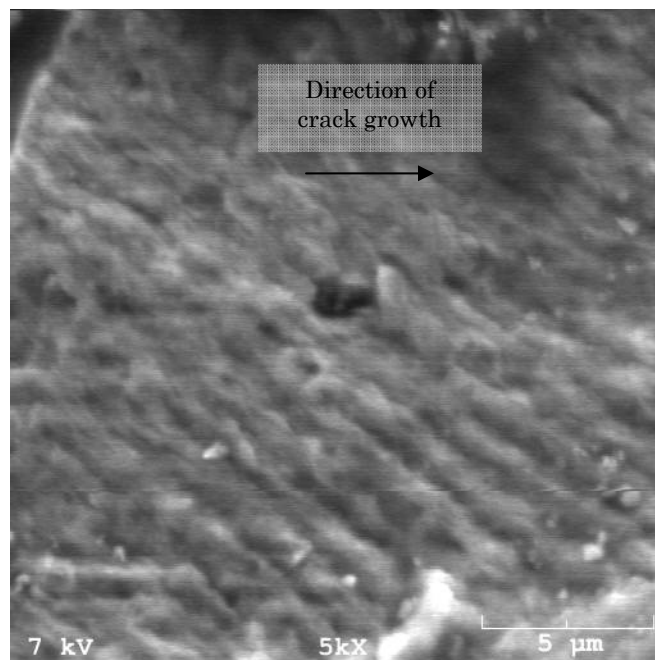
**Fatigue test fracture surface near notch of 30 μm thick Al/Mg foil**



**Fatigue test fracture surface near notch of 30 μm thick Al/Mg foil**

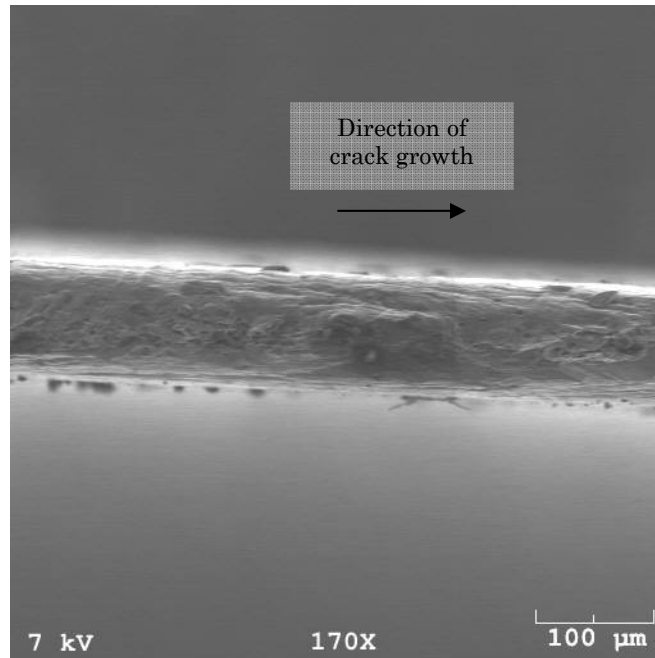


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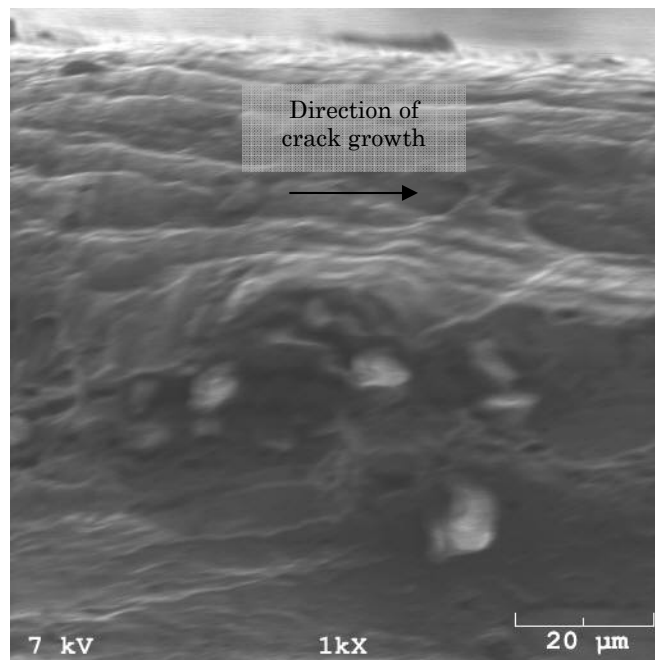


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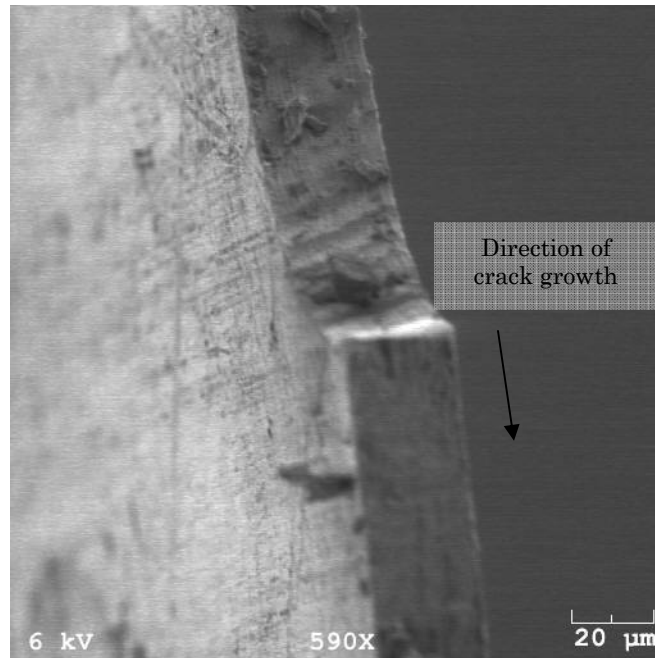




**Monotonic tensile test fracture surface of 100 μm thick Al/Mg foil**



**Monotonic tensile test fracture surface of 100 μm thick Al/Mg foil**



**Fatigue test fracture surface at notch edge of 30  $\mu\text{m}$  thick Al/Mg foil**

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